

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred Senate Bill No.
3 250 entitled “An act relating to alcoholic beverages” respectfully reports that it
4 has considered the same and recommends that the House propose to the Senate
5 that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 4, 7 V.S.A. § 222, in subdivision (7)(B)(ii), after the words
7 “Deliveries shall only occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and” by striking
8 out “5:00 p.m.” and by inserting in lieu thereof “9:00 p.m.”

9 Second: In Sec. 14, 7 V.S.A. § 101, by striking out Sec. 14 in its entirety
10 and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 14 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 14. 7 V.S.A. § 101 is amended to read:

12 § 101. COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT; COMMISSIONER OF
13 LIQUOR CONTROL; LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

14 (a) The Department of Liquor Control, created by 3 V.S.A. § 212, shall
15 include the Commissioner of Liquor Control and the Liquor Control Board.

16 (b)(1) The Liquor Control Board shall consist of five persons, not more
17 than three members of which shall belong to the same political party.

18 (2)(A) ~~Biennially, with~~ With the advice and consent of the Senate, the
19 Governor shall appoint ~~a person as a member~~ members of ~~such~~ the Board for a
20 ~~staggered five-year term, whose~~ staggered five-year terms.

1 (B) The Governor shall fill a vacancy occurring during a term by an
2 appointment for the unexpired term in accordance with the provisions of
3 3 V.S.A. § 257(b).

4 (C) A member's term of office shall commence on February 1 of the
5 year in which such appointment is made the member is appointed.

6 (3) A member of the Board may serve for no more than two consecutive
7 full terms. A member who is appointed to fill a vacancy occurring during a
8 term may serve two consecutive full terms in addition to the unexpired portion
9 of the term during which the member is first appointed.

10 (4) The Governor shall biennially designate a member of such the Board
11 to be its Chair.

12 Third: After Sec. 20, Commissioner of Liquor Control; Current Term;
13 Appointment of Successor, by inserting Secs. 21 and 22 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 21. CURRENT LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MEMBERS; TERM
15 LIMIT

16 For purposes of the term limit set forth in 7 V.S.A. § 101(b)(3), the current
17 term of each of the Liquor Control Board members in office on the effective
18 date of this act shall be deemed to be that member's first consecutive term as a
19 member of the Board.

1 Sec. 22. RECAPTURE OF LOST SALES OF SPIRITS AND FORTIFIED
2 WINES; DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL; PROPOSAL

3 (a) In order to increase revenue by recapturing sales of spirits and fortified
4 wines that are lost to neighboring states, the Commissioner of Liquor Control
5 shall develop a written proposal to improve, diversify, and increase the number
6 of Vermont’s agency liquor stores. The proposal shall include an optimal
7 number of State agency liquor stores, taking into account population,
8 geography, and proximity to Vermont’s borders, and a recommendation for
9 any legislative action that is necessary to implement it.

10 (b) The proposal also shall consider and address the following:

11 (1) The distribution of agency liquor stores in rural areas and
12 underserved portions of the State, and whether additional stores that are
13 permitted to carry a smaller or more limited selection of products should be
14 added to serve such areas.

15 (2) Whether to create a new type of agency liquor store that owns the
16 spirits and fortified wines it sells.

17 (3) Whether to permit certain agency liquor stores to decide to carry a
18 modified selection of products subject to minimum requirements established
19 by the Liquor Control Board.

20 (c) On or before January 15, 2017, the Commissioner shall submit the
21 proposal to the House Committees on General, Housing and Military Affairs

1 and on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committees on Economic
2 Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Finance.
3 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE