

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred Senate Bill No. 250 entitled “An act relating to farm
4 distilleries and Vermont barrel aged maple spirits” respectfully reports that it
5 has considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking
6 out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

8 § 2. DEFINITIONS

9 The following words as used in this title, unless a contrary meaning is
10 required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

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12 (5) ~~“Cabaret license”: a first class license or first and third class~~
13 ~~licenses where the business is devoted primarily to providing entertainment,~~
14 ~~dancing, and the sale of alcoholic beverages to the public and not the service of~~
15 ~~food. The holder of a “cabaret license” shall serve food at all times when open~~
16 ~~for business and shall have adequate and sanitary space and equipment for~~
17 ~~preparing and serving food. However, the gross receipts from the sale of food~~
18 ~~shall be less than the combined receipts from the sales of alcoholic beverages,~~
19 ~~entertainment, and dancing in the prior reporting year. All laws and~~
20 ~~regulations pertaining to a first class license or first and third class licenses~~

1 ~~shall apply to the first class or first- and third class cabaret licenses.~~

2 [Repealed.]

3 (6) “Caterer’s license”: a license issued by the Liquor Control Board
4 authorizing the holder of a first-class license or first- and third-class licenses
5 for a ~~cabaret~~, restaurant, or hotel premises to serve malt or vinous beverages,
6 spirits, or fortified wines at a function located on premises other than those
7 occupied by a first-, first- and third-, or second-class licensee to sell alcoholic
8 beverages.

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10 (15) “Manufacturer’s or rectifier’s license”: a license granted by the
11 Liquor Control Board that permits the holder to manufacture or rectify ~~spirits~~
12 ~~or malt beverages, or vinous beverages and fortified wines, or spirits and~~
13 fortified wines. Spirits and fortified wines may be manufactured or rectified
14 by a license holder for export and sale to the Liquor Control Board, ~~or and~~ malt
15 beverages and vinous beverages may be manufactured or rectified by a license
16 holder for export and sale to bottlers or wholesale dealers. This license permits
17 a manufacturer of vinous beverages or fortified wines to receive from another
18 manufacturer licensed in or outside this State bulk shipments of vinous
19 beverages to rectify with the licensee’s own product, provided that the vinous
20 beverages or fortified wines produced by a Vermont manufacturer may contain
21 no more than 25 percent imported vinous beverage. The Liquor Control Board

1 may grant to a licensed manufacturer or rectifier of spirits, fortified wines,
2 vinous beverages, or malt beverages a first-class ~~restaurant or cabaret~~ license
3 or a first- and a third-class ~~restaurant or cabaret~~ license permitting the licensee
4 to sell alcoholic beverages to the public only at the manufacturer's premises;
5 which for the purposes of a manufacturer of malt beverages, includes up to two
6 licensed establishments that are located on the contiguous real estate of the
7 holder of the manufacturer's license, provided the manufacturer or rectifier
8 owns or has direct control over those establishments. A manufacturer of malt
9 beverages who also holds a first-class ~~restaurant or cabaret~~ license may serve
10 to a customer malt beverage by the glass, not to exceed eight glasses at one
11 time and not to exceed four ounces in each glass. The Liquor Control Board
12 may grant to a licensed manufacturer or a rectifier of malt beverages a second-
13 class license permitting the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the public
14 anywhere on the manufacturer's or rectifier's premises. A licensed
15 manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages may serve, with or without
16 charge, at an event held on premises of the licensee or the vineyard property,
17 spirits, fortified wines, vinous beverages, and malt beverages, provided the
18 licensee gives the Department written notice of the event, including details
19 required by the Department, at least five days before the event. Any beverages
20 not manufactured by the licensee and served at the event shall be purchased on

1 invoice from a licensed manufacturer or wholesale dealer or the Liquor Control
2 Board.

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4 (27) “Special events permit”: a permit granted by the Liquor Control
5 Board permitting a ~~person holding a manufacturer’s or rectifier’s license~~
6 licensed manufacturer, rectifier, or a farm distiller to sell by the glass or by
7 unopened bottle spirits, fortified wines, malt beverages, or vinous beverages
8 manufactured or rectified by the license holder at an event open to the public
9 that has been approved by the local licensing authority. For the purposes of
10 tasting only, the permit holder may distribute, with or without charge,
11 beverages manufactured by the permit holder by the glass no more than two
12 ounces per product and eight ounces total of malt beverages or vinous
13 beverages and no more than one ounce in total of spirits or fortified wines to
14 each individual. No more than 104 special events permits may be issued to a
15 ~~holder of a manufacturer’s or rectifier’s license~~ licensed manufacturer,
16 rectifier, or farm distiller during a year. A special event permit shall be valid
17 for the duration of each public event or four days, whichever is shorter.
18 Requests for a special events permit, accompanied by the fee as required by
19 subdivision 231(13) of this title, shall be submitted to the Department of
20 Liquor Control at least five days prior to the date of the event. Each
21 manufacturer ~~or~~ rectifier, or farm distiller planning to attend a single special

1 event under this permit may be listed on a single permit. However, each
2 attendance at a special event shall count toward the manufacturer's ~~or,~~
3 rectifier's, or farm distiller's 104 special-event-permit limitation.

4 (28) "Fourth-class license" or "farmers' market license": the license
5 granted by the Liquor Control Board permitting a ~~manufacturer or rectifier of~~
6 ~~malt beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or spirits~~ licensed
7 manufacturer, rectifier, or farm distiller to sell by the unopened container and
8 distribute by the glass with or without charge, beverages manufactured by the
9 licensee. No more than a combined total of ten fourth-class and farmers'
10 market licenses may be granted to a licensed manufacturer ~~or,~~ rectifier, or farm
11 distiller. At only one fourth-class license location, a ~~manufacturer or rectifier~~
12 ~~of vinous beverages, malt beverages, fortified wines, or spirits~~ licensed
13 manufacturer, rectifier, or farm distiller may sell by the unopened container
14 and distribute by the glass, with or without charge, vinous beverages, malt
15 beverages, fortified wines, or spirits produced by no more than five additional
16 manufacturers ~~or,~~ rectifiers, or farm distillers, provided these beverages are
17 purchased on invoice from the manufacturer ~~or,~~ rectifier, or farm distiller. A
18 manufacturer ~~or,~~ rectifier of vinous beverages, malt beverages, fortified wines,
19 ~~or spirits, or farm distiller~~ may sell its product to no more than five additional
20 manufacturers ~~or,~~ rectifiers, or farm distillers. A fourth-class licensee may
21 distribute by the glass no more than two ounces of malt beverages or vinous

1 beverages with a total of eight ounces to each retail customer and no more than
2 one-quarter ounce of spirits or fortified wine with a total of one ounce to each
3 retail customer for consumption on the manufacturer’s premises or at a
4 farmers’ market. A fourth class licensee may distribute by the glass up to four
5 mixed drinks containing a combined total of no more than one ounce of spirits
6 or fortified wine to each retail customer for consumption only on the
7 manufacturer’s premises. A farmers’ market license is valid for all dates of
8 operation for a specific farmers’ market location.

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10 (36) “Outside consumption permit”: a permit granted by the Liquor
11 Control Board allowing the holder of a first-class ~~or, first-~~ and third-class
12 license holder and, fourth-class license holder, or farm distiller’s license to
13 allow for consumption of alcohol in a delineated outside area.

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15 (40) “Farm distiller’s license”: a license granted by the Liquor Control
16 Board that permits the holder to manufacture Vermont spirits and Vermont
17 barrel aged maple spirits for export and for sale as provided in section 242 of
18 this title.

19 (41) “Vermont spirits”: spirits manufactured from fruit, vegetables,
20 grain, grain products, honey, sap, or other agricultural products, of which at

1 least 75 percent by volume, exclusive of water, was grown or produced in
2 Vermont.

3 (42) “Vermont barrel aged maple spirits”: spirits that are manufactured
4 from Vermont maple sap and aged in oak barrels as provided in section 70 of
5 this title.

6 (43) “Retail gift basket permit”: a permit granted by the Liquor Control
7 Board that permits a second-class licensee to package and sell to the public gift
8 baskets containing malt beverages or vinous beverages for consumption off the
9 premises.

10 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 242 is added to read:

11 § 242. FARM DISTILLER’S LICENSES

12 (a) The Liquor Control Board may grant a farm distiller’s license to a
13 person if the person files an application accompanied by the license fee
14 provided in section 231 of this title for the premises in which the farm
15 distillery will be operated. An applicant for a farm distiller’s license shall
16 satisfy the Liquor Control Board that the applicant is the owner or lessee of the
17 premises and that the premises are operated for the purpose covered by the
18 license.

19 (b) The holder of a farm distiller’s license may sell a combined total of no
20 more than 20,000 gallons per year of Vermont spirits and Vermont barrel aged
21 maple spirits.

1 (c) A licensed farm distiller shall be permitted to sell Vermont spirits and
2 Vermont barrel aged maple spirits:

3 (1) to the Liquor Control Board; or

4 (2) from the licensed premises:

5 (A) by the unopened container for consumption off the
6 premises; or

7 (B) by the glass for consumption on the premises.

8 (d)(1) A licensed farm distiller may distribute by the glass, without charge,
9 and for consumption on the licensed premises a total of no more than one
10 ounce of Vermont spirits or Vermont barrel aged maple spirits, or both,
11 manufactured by the licensee.

12 (2) A licensed farm distiller may distribute by the glass, without charge,
13 and for consumption on the licensed premises up to four mixed drinks
14 containing a combined total of no more than one ounce of Vermont spirits or
15 Vermont barrel aged maple spirits, or both, manufactured by the licensee.

16 (e) Rules applicable to second-class licenses and pertaining to financial
17 responsibility; education of employees, age of employees, hours of sale, age of
18 purchasers, the selling and furnishing to apparently intoxicated persons; and
19 leases of businesses shall all apply in like manner to holders of farm distiller's
20 licenses.

1 (f) The Liquor Control Board may approve up to one branch location for
2 the farm distillery as part of a farm distiller’s license. An applicant wishing to
3 operate a branch location shall satisfy the Liquor Control Board that the
4 applicant is the owner or lessee of the branch location’s premises and that the
5 branch location’s premises are operated for the purpose covered by the license.
6 If approved by the Liquor Control Board, the branch location shall be
7 considered part of the licensed premises and subject to all applicable
8 requirements of this section. All activities permitted at the licensed farm
9 distillery shall also be permitted at the approved branch location.

10 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 70 is added to read:

11 § 70. VERMONT BARREL AGED MAPLE SPIRITS

12 (a) Spirits may not be advertised, described, labeled, named, sold, or
13 referred to for marketing or sales purposes as “Vermont barrel aged maple
14 spirits” unless all the following conditions are satisfied:

15 (1) the spirits are manufactured in Vermont;

16 (2) the sole ingredient of the spirits, exclusive of water, is maple sap that
17 was entirely produced within Vermont; and

18 (3) the spirits are aged in oak barrels.

19 (b) Any person that violates subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not
20 more than \$1,000.00.

1 (c) In addition to any other penalties, the Liquor Control Board may
2 suspend or revoke the license of a manufacturer, rectifier, or farm distiller that
3 violates this section.

4 Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 71 is added to read:

5 § 71. CERTIFICATION OF VERMONT SPIRITS AND VERMONT

6 BARREL AGED MAPLE SPIRITS

7 (a) A licensed manufacturer or farm distiller that manufactures Vermont
8 spirits or Vermont barrel aged maple spirits shall annually certify on a form
9 prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets that the Vermont
10 spirits or Vermont barrel aged maple spirits manufactured by the licensee
11 contain the required amount of Vermont ingredients pursuant to section 70 of
12 this chapter and subdivisions 2(41) and (42) of this title.

13 (b) A licensed manufacturer and farm distillers that manufacture Vermont
14 spirits or Vermont barrel aged maple spirits shall maintain records specified by
15 the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets to demonstrate compliance
16 with the requirements relating to Vermont ingredients as set forth in section 70
17 of this chapter and subdivisions 2(41) and (42) of this title.

18 (c) The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets or his or her inspector
19 may enter upon the premises of a licensee, at reasonable times, for purposes of
20 inspecting the premises, records, and inventory to determine whether the
21 licensee is in compliance with the requirements relating to Vermont

1 ingredients as set forth in section 70 of this chapter and subdivisions 2(41) and
2 (42) of this title.

3 (d) The Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets may adopt rules to
4 implement this section.

5 Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 67 is amended to read:

6 § 67. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS; PERMIT; PENALTIES

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8 (d) Promotional alcoholic beverage tasting:

9 (1) At the request of a holder of a first- or second-class license, a holder
10 of a manufacturer's, rectifier's, or wholesale dealer's license may distribute
11 without charge to the first- or second-class licensee's management and staff,
12 provided they are of legal drinking age and are off duty for the rest of the day,
13 two ounces per person of vinous or malt beverages for the purpose of
14 promoting the beverage. At the request of a holder of a third-class license, a
15 manufacturer or rectifier of spirits or fortified wines or a farm distiller may
16 distribute without charge to the third-class licensee's management and staff,
17 provided they are of legal drinking age and are off duty for the rest of the day,
18 one-quarter ounce of each beverage and no more than a total of one ounce to
19 each individual for the purpose of promoting the beverage. No permit is
20 required under this subdivision, but written notice of the event shall be

1 provided to the Department of Liquor Control at least ~~five days~~ one day prior
2 to the date of the tasting.

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4 (e) Educational tastings and product quality assurance. A licensed
5 manufacturer or rectifier may distribute to its management and staff, provided
6 they are of legal drinking age and at the licensed premises, up to eight samples
7 of the licensee's products during the course of an eight-hour workday for the
8 purpose of either assuring the quality of the products or conducting an
9 educational program. Each sample of vinous or malt beverages shall be no
10 larger than two ounces, and each sample of spirits or fortified wines shall be no
11 larger than one-quarter ounce. No permit is required under this subdivision.

12 (f) Age and training of servers. No individual who is under the age of 18
13 or who has not received training as required by the Department may serve
14 alcoholic beverages at an event under this section.

15 (f)(g) Penalties. The holder of a permit issued under this section that
16 provides alcoholic beverages to an underage individual or permits an
17 individual under the age of 18 to serve alcoholic beverages at a beverage
18 tasting event under this section shall be fined not less than \$500.00 nor more
19 than \$2,000.00 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

1 Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 231 is amended to read:

2 § 231. FEES FOR LICENSES AND PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

3 (a) The following fees shall be paid:

4 (1) For a manufacturer's or rectifier's license to manufacture or rectify
5 malt beverages ~~and, or~~ vinous beverages and fortified wines, or ~~to manufacture~~
6 ~~or rectify~~ spirits and fortified wines, \$285.00 for ~~either~~ each license.

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8 (11) For up to ten fourth-class ~~vinous~~ licenses, \$65.00.

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10 (25) For a farm distiller's license, \$100.00.

11 (26) For a retail gift basket permit, \$100.00.

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13 Sec. 7. 7 V.S.A. § 239 is amended to read:

14 § 239. LICENSEE EDUCATION

15 (a) A new first-class, second-class, third-class, fourth-class, ~~or~~ farmers'
16 ~~market, or farm distiller's~~ license shall not be granted until the applicant has
17 met with a liquor control investigator or training specialist for the purpose of
18 being informed of the Vermont liquor laws; and rules, ~~and regulations~~
19 pertaining to the purchase, storage, and sale of ~~alcohol~~ alcoholic beverages.

20 A corporation, partnership, or association shall designate a director, partner, or
21 manager who shall comply with the terms of this subsection.

1 (b) Every first-class, second-class, third-class, fourth-class, or farmers’
2 market licensee and every holder of a manufacturer’s, rectifier’s, or farm
3 distiller’s license shall complete the Department of Liquor Control licensee
4 training seminar at least once every two years. A corporation, partnership, or
5 association shall designate a director, partner, or manager who shall comply
6 with the terms of this subsection. A first-class, second-class, third-class,
7 fourth-class, ~~or~~ farmers’ market, farm distiller’s license, or manufacturer’s or
8 rectifier’s license shall not be renewed unless the records of the Department of
9 Liquor Control show that the licensee has complied with the terms of this
10 subsection.

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12 Sec. 8. 7 V.S.A. § 222 is amended to read:

13 § 222. FIRST- AND SECOND-CLASS LICENSES; GRANTING OF; SALE
14 TO MINORS; CONTRACTING FOR FOOD SERVICE

15 With the approval of the Liquor Control Board, the control commissioners
16 may grant the following licenses to a retail dealer for the premises where the
17 dealer carries on business:

18 (1) Upon making application and paying the license fee provided in
19 section 231 of this title, a first-class license which authorizes the dealer to sell
20 malt and vinous beverages for consumption only on those premises, and upon
21 satisfying the Liquor Control Board that the premises are leased, rented, or

1 owned by the retail dealer and are devoted primarily to dispensing meals to the
2 public, except clubs ~~and cabarets~~, and that the premises have adequate and
3 sanitary space and equipment for preparing and serving meals. The term
4 “public” includes patrons of hotels, boarding houses, restaurants, dining cars,
5 and similar places where meals are served. A retail dealer carrying on business
6 in more than one place shall acquire a first-class license for each place where
7 the retail dealer sells malt and vinous beverages. No malt or vinous beverages
8 shall be sold by a first-class licensee to a minor. Partially consumed bottles of
9 vinous beverages or specialty beers that were purchased with a meal may be
10 removed from first-class licensed premises provided the beverages are
11 recapped or resealed.

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13 (7)(A) The Liquor Control Board may grant a retail gift basket permit to
14 a second-class licensee if the licensee files an application accompanied by the
15 license fee as provided in section 231 of this title. The holder of a retail gift
16 basket permit may sell to the public gift baskets containing up to four bottles of
17 malt beverages or vinous beverages for consumption off the licensed premises.

18 (B) The holder of a retail gift basket permit may deliver purchased
19 gift baskets to a Vermont consumer if the permit holder:

20 (i) clearly labels each gift basket and all containers of malt
21 beverages or vinous beverages delivered pursuant to this subdivision with the

1 words “contains alcohol; signature of individual age 21 or older required for
2 delivery”;

3 (ii) does not deliver to any address in a municipality that the
4 Department identifies as having voted to be “dry”;

5 (iii) requires that a recipient of a delivery that appears to be under
6 age 30 produce a valid form of photographic identification;

7 (iv) requires each recipient to sign an electronic or paper form or
8 other acknowledgment of receipt; and

9 (v) complies with any recordkeeping requirements and rules
10 adopted by the Liquor Control Board in relation to this subdivision.

11 Sec. 9. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

12 § 224. THIRD-CLASS LICENSES; OPEN CONTAINERS

13 (a) The Liquor Control Board may grant to a person who operates a hotel,
14 restaurant, ~~cabaret~~, or club a license of the third class if the person files an
15 application accompanied by the license fee as provided in section 231 of this
16 title for the premises in which the business of the hotel, restaurant, ~~cabaret~~, or
17 club is carried on. The holder of a third-class license may sell spirits and
18 fortified wines for consumption only on the premises covered by the license.
19 The applicant for a third-class license shall satisfy the Liquor Control Board
20 that the applicant is the bona fide owner or lessee of the premises and that the
21 premises are operated for the purpose covered by the license.

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Sec. 10. 7 V.S.A. § 101 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) A member of the Board may serve for no more than two terms.

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

1 Sec. 11. 7 V.S.A. § 106 is amended to read:

2 § 106. COMMISSIONER OF LIQUOR CONTROL; REPORTS;

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

4 ~~The board shall employ an executive officer, who shall be the secretary of~~
5 ~~the board and shall be called the commissioner of liquor control. The~~
6 ~~commissioner shall be appointed for an indefinite period and shall be subject to~~
7 ~~removal upon the majority vote of the entire board. At such times and in such~~
8 ~~detail as the board directs, the commissioner shall make reports to the board~~
9 ~~concerning the liquor distribution system of the state, together with such~~
10 ~~recommendations as he deems proper for the promotion of the general good of~~
11 ~~the state.~~

12 (a)(1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall
13 appoint from among no fewer than three candidates proposed by the Liquor
14 Control Board a Commissioner of Liquor Control for a term of four years.

15 (2) The Board shall review the applicants for the position of
16 Commissioner of Liquor Control and by a vote of the majority of the members
17 of the Board shall select candidates to propose to the Governor. The Board
18 shall consider each applicant's administrative expertise and his or her
19 knowledge regarding the business of distributing and selling alcoholic
20 beverages.

1 **(b) The Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor until the**
2 **end of the term for which he or she is appointed or until a successor is**
3 **appointed.**

4 Sec. 12. 7 V.S.A. § 107 is amended to read:

5 § 107. DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER OF LIQUOR CONTROL

6 The Commissioner of Liquor Control shall:

7 (1) In towns ~~which~~ that vote to permit the sale of spirits and fortified
8 wines, establish ~~such number of~~ local agencies ~~therein~~ as the Board shall
9 determine, ~~enter into agreements for the rental of necessary and adequate~~
10 ~~quarters, and employ suitable assistants for the operation thereof.~~ However, it
11 ~~shall not be obligatory upon the Liquor Control Board~~ shall not be obligated to
12 establish an agency in every town ~~which~~ that votes to permit the sale of spirits
13 and fortified wines.

14 (2) ~~Make regulations~~ Recommend rules subject to ~~the approval of~~ and
15 adoption by the Board governing the hours during which ~~such~~ local agencies
16 shall be open for the sale of spirits and fortified wines ~~and governing,~~ the
17 qualifications, ~~department, and salaries~~ of the agencies' employees, and the
18 business, operational, financial, and revenue standards that must be met for the
19 establishment of an agency and its continued operation.

20 (3) ~~Make regulations~~ Recommend rules subject to ~~the approval of~~ and
21 adoption by the Board governing:

1 (A) the prices at which spirits shall be sold by local agencies, the
2 method for their delivery, and the quantities of spirits that may be sold to any
3 one person at any one time; and

4 (B) the minimum prices at which fortified wines shall be sold by
5 local agencies and second-class licensees that hold fortified wine permits, the
6 method for their delivery, and the quantities of fortified wines that may be sold
7 to any one person at any one time.

8 (4) Supervise the quantities and qualities of spirits and fortified wines to
9 be kept as stock in local agencies and ~~make regulations~~ recommend rules
10 subject to ~~the approval of~~ and adoption by the Board regarding the filling of
11 requisitions therefor on the Commissioner of Liquor Control.

12 (5) Purchase through the Commissioner of Buildings and General
13 Services spirits and fortified wines for and in behalf of the Liquor Control
14 Board, supervise ~~the~~ their storage ~~thereof~~ and ~~the~~ distribution to local agencies,
15 druggists and, ~~licensees of the third class,~~ third-class licensees, and holders of
16 fortified wine permits, and ~~make regulations~~ recommend rules subject to ~~the~~
17 approval ~~of~~ and adoption by the Board regarding the sale and delivery from the
18 central storage plant.

19 (6) Check and audit the income and disbursements of all local agencies;
20 and the central storage plant.

1 (7) Report to the Board regarding the State’s liquor control system and
2 make recommendations for the promotion of the general good of the State.

3 (8) Devise methods and plans for eradicating intemperance and
4 promoting the general good of the ~~state~~ State and make effective such methods
5 and plans as part of the administration of this title.

6 Sec. 13. RULEMAKING

7 On or before July 1, 2017, the Commissioner shall prepare and submit to
8 the Liquor Control Board for its approval and adoption his or her
9 recommendation for rules to govern the business, operational, financial, and
10 revenue standards for local agencies as necessary to implement this act.

11 Sec. 14. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; DRAFT LEGISLATION

12 On or before January 15, 2017, the Legislative Council, in consultation with
13 the Commissioner of Liquor Control, the Liquor Control Board, and the Office
14 of the Attorney General, shall prepare and submit a draft bill to the House
15 Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs and the Senate
16 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs that
17 makes statutory amendments of a technical nature to improve the clarity of
18 Title 7 through the reorganization of its provisions and the modernization of its
19 statutory language. The draft bill shall also identify all statutory sections of
20 Title 7 that the General Assembly shall amend substantively in order to remove
21 out-of-date and obsolete provisions or to reflect more accurately the current

1 practices and programs of the Liquor Control Board and the Department of
2 Liquor Control.

3 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

5 and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act
6 relating to alcoholic beverages”

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8 (Committee vote: _____)

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10 Senator _____

11 FOR THE COMMITTEE

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