

Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 1002a is added to read:
§ 1002a. LICENSEE EDUCATION

(a) An applicant for a tobacco license that does not hold a liquor license issued under this title shall be granted a tobacco license pursuant to section 1002 of this title only after the applicant has met with a liquor control investigator for the purpose of being informed about the Vermont tobacco laws pertaining to the purchase, storage and sale of tobacco products. A corporation, partnership or association shall designate a director, partner or manager to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

(b) The holder of a tobacco license that does not also hold a liquor license issued pursuant to this title for the same premises shall:

(1) Complete the department's enforcement seminar at least once every three years. A corporation, partnership or association shall designate a director, partner or manager to comply with this subdivision.

(2) Ensure that every employee involved in the sale of tobacco products completes a training program approved by the department of liquor control before the employee begins selling or providing tobacco products, and at least once every 24 months thereafter. A licensee may comply with this subdivision by conducting its own training program on its premises using information and materials furnished by the department of liquor control. A licensee who fails to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall be subject to suspension of the tobacco license for no less than one day.

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NO. 148. AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSFER OF A CONTRACT LIQUOR AGENCY.
(S.259)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. TRANSFER OF CONTRACT AGENCY IN CONJUNCTION WITH SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Prior to the completion of a sale of real estate or a business in which a contract liquor agency is located, and the sale is contingent upon the transfer of the liquor agency contract, the buyer and seller may submit to the department of liquor control a request for approval of the transfer of the liquor agency contract to the buyer. The department shall investigate and evaluate the buyer and the other applicants using the same standards. Within 30 days after receipt of the request and all necessary information, the department shall complete the investigation of the proposed transferee and notify the parties if the buyer has been approved, in which case the contract shall be transferred to the buyer upon completion of the sale. If the department denies the transfer of the liquor agency contract to the proposed buyer, the seller may continue as the liquor agency contractor pursuant to the existing contract.

Sec. 2. SALE OF HIGH ALCOHOL WINES; STUDY

(a) The commissioner of liquor control, in consultations with second class licensees and other interested parties, shall determine the extent of consumer demand for high alcohol content wines, a reasonable method of distributing those wines to second class license holders, appropriate enforcement mechanisms, including limitations on distribution of certain of these wines, and taxation mechanisms that preserve or enhance the revenues derived from the sale of those wines.

(b) The commissioner shall submit a report on or before January 15, 2003. The report shall include the conclusions and recommendations of the study and a list of the second class licensees and other parties consulted.

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