

1 S.189

2 Introduced by Senator Rodgers

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; beer and wine franchises; small brewers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an
7 exception to the beer and wine franchise law for certificate of approval holders
8 and manufacturers of malt beverages that manufacture or distribute not more
9 than 300,000 barrels of malt beverages per year.

10 An act relating to beer and wine franchises

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

12 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 710 is added to read:

13 § 710. EXEMPTION

14 (a)(1) This chapter shall not apply to a certificate of approval holder that
15 produces or distributes not more than 300,000 barrels of malt beverages per
16 year or a manufacturer of malt beverages that produces not more than 300,000
17 barrels of malt beverages per year.

18 (2) The amount of malt beverages manufactured by a certificate of
19 approval holder or manufacturer shall include the aggregate amount of all
20 brands of malt beverages that are manufactured by or on behalf of the

1 certificate of approval holder or manufacturer. The amount of malt beverages
2 distributed by a certificate of approval holder shall include the aggregate
3 amount of all brands of malt beverages distributed by the certificate of
4 approval holder both inside and outside Vermont.

5 (b) As used in this section, a barrel of malt beverages is equal to 31 gallons
6 of malt beverages.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.