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**Act No. 73 (H.13). Alcoholic beverages; tobacco products; taxation and fees**

**An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage and tobacco laws**

This act:

- permits the holder of an E-2 Visa to acquire a first- or second-class license to sell beer and wine;
- amends multiple penalties related to violations of the laws governing the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products;
- requires solicitors of spirits and fortified wines to be licensed;
- makes technical corrections to numerous sections of the Vermont Statutes Annotated in relation to the creation of the Department of Liquor and Lottery and the Division of Liquor Control in 2018 Act 1 (Special Session);
- replaces the tiered tax on gross revenue from sales of spirits and fortified wines with a flat five percent tax on gross revenue from sales of spirits and fortified wines;
- establishes a minimum transfer amount from the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for fiscal years 2020 and 2021;
- requires a third-class license application to be approved by local licensing authorities before it receives approval from the Board of Liquor and Lottery;
- permits manufacturers that hold a third-class license to serve their own product without having to purchase it from the Department of Liquor and Lottery;
- replaces the annual limit of 104 special events permits per manufacturer with a limit of 10 special events permits per manufacturer for any particular physical location; and
- specifies that the holder of a manufacturer's or rectifier's license may only obtain a first-, second-, or third-class license for an establishment that is located at, or adjacent to, its licensed manufacturing or rectifying facility.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2019