

1 S.144

2 Introduced by Senators Westman and Sirotkin

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; taxes; spirits and fortified wines

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the tax  
7 on revenue from the sale of spirits and fortified wines to establish a flat tax rate  
8 of five percent that applies to all revenues from sales of spirits and fortified  
9 wines in Vermont.

10 An act relating to establishing a single tax rate for revenues from the sale of  
11 spirits and fortified wines

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

13 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 422 is amended to read:

14 § 422. TAX ON SPIRITS AND FORTIFIED WINES

15 (a) A tax of five percent is assessed on the gross revenue from the sale of  
16 spirits and fortified wines in the State of Vermont by the Board of Liquor and  
17 Lottery or the retail sale of spirits and fortified wines in Vermont by a  
18 manufacturer or rectifier of spirits or fortified wines, in accordance with the  
19 provisions of this title. ~~The tax shall be at the following rates based on the~~  
20 ~~gross revenue of the retail sales by the seller in the current year:~~

1           ~~(1) if the gross revenue of the seller is \$500,000.00 or lower, the rate of~~  
2 ~~tax is five percent;~~

3           ~~(2) if the gross revenue of the seller is between \$500,000.00 and~~  
4 ~~\$750,000.00, the rate of tax is \$25,000.00 plus 10 percent of the gross revenues~~  
5 ~~over \$500,000.00;~~

6           ~~(3) if the gross revenue of the seller is \$750,000.00 or more, the rate of~~  
7 ~~tax is 25 percent.~~

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9           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.