

1 H.591

2 Introduced by Representative Birong of Vergennes

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; manufacturing and distribution of alcohol;
6 spirits consumer shipping license

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
8 manufacturers or rectifiers of spirits or fortified wines to ship products directly
9 to consumers in Vermont.

10 An act relating to a direct-to-consumer spirits shipping license

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

12 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 277a is added to read:

13 § 277a. SPIRITS CONSUMER SHIPPING LICENSE

14 (a) An in-state or out-of-state consumer shipping license may be granted to
15 a manufacturer or rectifier of spirits or fortified wines in the same manner as a
16 manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous beverages pursuant to section 277
17 of this title. An in-state or out-of-state spirits or fortified wines consumer
18 shipping license may only be granted to a manufacturer that meets all the
19 requirements of sections 277 and 279 of this title.

1 (b) The holder of a consumer shipping license that ships fortified wines or
2 spirits shall:

3 (1) register each product intended for sale within the State and affirm
4 that it is the brand owner for each product registered;

5 (2) submit each product registration to the Division on a form prescribed
6 by the Division; and

7 (3) sell the fortified wines or spirits at the prevailing retail price set by
8 the Department.

9 (c) The product registrations required by subsection (b) of this section shall
10 remain valid, provided that the spirits or fortified wines consumer shipping
11 license is valid. In the event of a change of ownership, the new owner shall
12 renew the registration with the Division.

13 (d) In any calendar year, a spirits or fortified wines consumer shipping
14 licensee shall not ship to any one Vermont resident more than:

15 (1) 12 cases of fortified wines containing not more than 29 gallons of
16 fortified wines; or

17 (2) four cases of spirits containing not more than three gallons of spirits.

18 (e) Notwithstanding subdivision 279(4) of this title, the holder of a spirits
19 or fortified wines consumer shipping license shall submit to the Division
20 quarterly reports containing the information required by subdivision 279(4).

1 (f) A common carrier may deliver fortified wines and spirits, provided that
2 the common carrier has fulfilled the requirements of section 280 of this title.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.