

1 Introduced by Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs

2 Date:

3 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; miscellaneous amendments

4 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to <Purpose>

5 An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws

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

7 *** Direct to Consumer Shipping of Spirits ***

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

9 § 277a. SPIRITS CONSUMER SHIPPING LICENSE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 (1) 12 cases of fortified wines containing not more than 29 gallons of
12 fortified wines; or

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

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

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

1 alcohol but not more than 23 percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees
2 Fahrenheit.

3 (19) “Fourth-class license” means a license permitting a licensed
4 manufacturer or rectifier to sell by the unopened container and distribute by ~~the~~
5 glass sample, with or without charge, beverages manufactured by the licensee.

6 * * *

7 (25) “Ready-to-drink spirits beverage” means an alcoholic beverage
8 containing more than one percent alcohol by volume and not more than
9 12 percent alcohol by volume obtained by distillation, by chemical synthesis,
10 or through concentration by freezing and mixed with nonalcoholic beverages,
11 flavoring, or coloring materials. Ready-to-drink spirits beverages may also
12 contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, preservatives,
13 and other ingredients. A ready-to-drink spirits beverage shall be a spirit if the
14 ready-to-drink spirits beverage:

15 (A) contains more than 12 percent alcohol by volume; or

16 (C) is packaged in containers greater than 24 fluid ounces in volume.

17 (26) “Malt beverages” means all fermented beverages of any name or
18 description manufactured for sale from malt, wholly or in part, or from any
19 substitute therefor, known as, among other things, beer, ale, or lager,
20 containing not less than one percent nor more than 16 percent alcohol by
21 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

1 ~~(26)~~(27) “Manufacturer’s or rectifier’s license” means a license granted
2 by the Board of Liquor and Lottery that permits the holder to manufacture or
3 rectify malt beverages, vinous beverages and fortified wines, or spirits ~~and~~
4 ~~fortified wines~~.

5 ~~(27)~~(28) “Minor” means an individual who has not attained 21 years of
6 age.

7 ~~(28)~~(29) “Outside consumption permit” means a permit granted by the
8 Division of Liquor Control allowing the holder of a first-class, first- and third-
9 class, or fourth-class license to allow for consumption of alcoholic beverages
10 in a delineated outside area.

11 ~~(29)~~(30) “Packager’s license” means a license granted by the Board of
12 Liquor and Lottery permitting a person to bottle or otherwise package
13 alcoholic beverages for sale and to distribute and sell alcoholic beverages at
14 wholesale in this State.

15 ~~(30)~~(31) “Person,” as applied to licensees, means an individual who is a
16 citizen, a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or a holder of an E-2
17 Visa; a partnership composed of individuals, a majority of whom are citizens,
18 lawful permanent residents of the United States, or holders of an E-2 Visa; a
19 corporation organized under the laws of this State or another state in which a
20 majority of the directors are citizens, lawful permanent residents of the United
21 States, or holders of an E-2 Visa; or a limited liability company organized

1 under the laws of this State or another state in which a majority of the members
2 or managers are citizens, lawful permanent residents of the United States, or
3 holders of an E-2 Visa.

4 ~~(31)~~(32) “Request-to-cater permit” means a permit granted by the
5 Division of Liquor Control authorizing a licensed caterer or commercial
6 caterer to cater individual events.

7 ~~(32)~~(33) “Retail dealer” means any person who sells or furnishes malt ~~or~~
8 beverages, vinous beverages, or fortified wines to the public.

9 ~~(33)~~(34) “Retail delivery permit” means a permit granted by the
10 Division of Liquor Control that permits a second-class licensee to deliver malt
11 beverages and vinous beverages sold from the licensed premises for
12 consumption off the premises to an individual who is 21 years of age or older
13 at a physical address in Vermont.

14 ~~(34)~~(35) “Sampler flight” means a flight, ski, paddle, or any similar
15 device by design or name intended to hold alcoholic beverage samples for the
16 purpose of comparison.

17 ~~(35)~~(36) “Second-class license” means a license permitting the licensee
18 to export and to sell malt beverages ~~and~~, vinous beverages, and fortified wines
19 to the public for consumption off the premises for which the license is granted.

20 ~~(36)~~(37) “Special event permit” means a permit granted by the Division
21 of Liquor Control permitting a licensed manufacturer or rectifier to sell, by the

1 glass or by the unopened bottle, alcoholic beverages manufactured or rectified
2 by the license holder at an event open to the public that has been approved by
3 the local control commissioners.

4 ~~(37)~~(38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the
5 Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, bookstore, public library,
6 or museum to conduct an event at which malt or vinous beverages, or both, are
7 served by the glass to the public. As used in this section, “art gallery” means a
8 fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to exhibit or offer for sale works
9 of art; “bookstore” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to
10 offer books for sale; “public library” has the same meaning as in 22 V.S.A.
11 § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in 27 V.S.A. § 1151.

12 ~~(38)~~(39) “Specialty beer” means a malt beverage that contains more
13 than eight percent alcohol and not more than 16 percent alcohol by volume at
14 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

15 ~~(39)~~(40) “Spirits” means beverages that contain more than one percent
16 alcohol obtained by distillation, by chemical synthesis, or through
17 concentration by freezing; vinous beverages containing more than 23 percent
18 alcohol; and malt beverages containing more than 16 percent alcohol by
19 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit but does not mean fortified wines or vinous
20 beverages to which spirits have been added during manufacture that contain
21 not more than 16 percent alcohol by volume.

1 ~~(40)~~(41) “Third-class license” means a license granted by the Board of
2 Liquor and Lottery permitting the licensee to sell spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ for
3 consumption only on the premises for which the license is granted.

4 ~~(41)~~(42) “Vinous beverages” means all fermented beverages of any
5 name or description manufactured or obtained for sale from the natural sugar
6 content of fruits or other agricultural product, containing sugar, including
7 beverages to which spirits have been added during manufacture, the total
8 alcoholic content of which is not less than one percent nor more than 16
9 percent by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

10 ~~(42)~~(43) “Wholesale dealer’s license” means a license granted by the
11 Board of Liquor and Lottery permitting the holder to sell or distribute malt ~~and~~
12 beverages, vinous beverages, and fortified wines to first- and second-class
13 licensees, to educational sampling event permit holders, and to agencies of the
14 United States.

15 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

16 § 5. DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL; RAFFLES FOR RIGHT TO
17 PURCHASE RARE AND UNUSUAL ~~PRODUCTS~~ SPIRITS

18 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 13 V.S.A. chapter 51 to the contrary,
19 the Division of Liquor Control may conduct raffles for the right to purchase
20 certain rare and unusual spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ that are acquired by the

1 Board of Liquor and Lottery. A raffle conducted pursuant to this section shall
2 meet the following requirements:

3 * * *

4 (3) All notices or advertisements relating to the raffle shall clearly state:

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6 (C) the sales price of each rare and unusual spirit ~~or fortified wine~~;
7 and

8 (D) that the winning prize will be the right to purchase the rare and
9 unusual spirit ~~or fortified wine~~ for the specified sales price.

10 * * *

11 (c) As used in this section, “rare and unusual spirits ~~and fortified wines~~”
12 means spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ that are distributed or allocated to the Board
13 in an amount that is insufficient for general distribution to local agency stores
14 and for which the Commissioner determines that an extraordinary level of
15 public demand exists.

16 Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 62 is amended to read:

17 § 62. HOURS OF SALE

18 (a) First- or first- and third-class licensees; or festival, special event, or
19 educational sampling event permit holders may sell alcoholic beverages
20 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. the next morning.

1 (b)(1) Second-class licensees may sell malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous
2 beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages between the
3 hours of 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight.

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5 Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 63 is amended to read:

6 § 63. IMPORTATION OR TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOL;
7 PROHIBITIONS; PERSONAL IMPORT LIMIT; PENALTY

8 (a)(1) All spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ imported or transported into this State
9 shall be imported or transported by and through the Board of Liquor and
10 Lottery. A person importing or transporting or causing to be imported or
11 transported into this State any spirits ~~or fortified wines, or both~~, in violation of
12 this section shall be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than
13 \$5,000.00, or both.

14 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a person may
15 import or transport not more than eight quarts of spirits ~~or fortified wines, or~~
16 ~~both~~, into this State in ~~his or her~~ the person's own private vehicle or in his or
17 her actual possession at the time of importation without a license or permit,
18 provided the beverages are not for resale.

19 (b)(1) Except as provided in sections 277, 278, and 283 of this title, all malt
20 ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits
21 beverages, or both a combination of malt beverages, vinous beverages,

1 fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages, imported or transported
2 into this State shall be imported or transported by and through the holder of a
3 wholesale dealer’s license issued by the Board of Liquor and Lottery. A
4 person importing or transporting or causing to be imported or transported into
5 this State any malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, ~~or both~~ fortified wines, or
6 ready-to-drink spirits beverages, in violation of this section shall be imprisoned
7 not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

8 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a person may
9 import or transport not more than six gallons of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous
10 beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages, or ~~both~~ a
11 combination of malt beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-
12 to-drink spirits beverages, into this State in ~~his or her~~ the person’s own private
13 vehicle or in ~~his or her~~ the person’s actual possession at the time of importation
14 without a license or permit, provided the beverages are not for resale.

15 Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 104 is amended to read:

16 § 104. DUTIES; AUTHORITY TO RESOLVE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

17 The Board shall supervise and manage the sale of spirits and fortified wines
18 within the State in accordance with the provisions of this title, and through the
19 Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery shall:

20 * * *

1 (2) Recommend rules subject to approval and adoption by the Board
2 governing the hours during which local agencies shall be open for the sale of
3 spirits ~~and fortified wines~~, the qualifications of the agencies’ employees, and
4 the business, operational, financial, and revenue standards that must be met for
5 the establishment of an agency and its continued operation.

6 (3) Recommend rules subject to approval and adoption by the Board
7 governing:

8 ~~(A)~~ the prices at which spirits shall be sold by local agencies, the
9 method for their delivery, and the quantities of spirits that may be sold to any
10 one person at any one time; ~~and~~

11 ~~(B)~~ ~~the minimum prices at which fortified wines shall be sold by~~
12 ~~local agencies and second-class licensees that hold fortified wine permits, the~~
13 ~~method for their delivery, and the quantities of fortified wines that may be sold~~
14 ~~to any one person at any one time.~~

15 (4) Supervise the quantities and qualities of spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ to
16 be kept as stock in local agencies and recommend rules subject to approval and
17 adoption by the Board regarding the filling of requisitions for spirits and
18 fortified wines on the Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery.

19 (5) Purchase spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ for and in behalf of the Board of
20 Liquor and Lottery; supervise their storage and distribution to local agencies,
21 third-class licensees, and holders of fortified wine permits; and recommend

1 rules subject to approval and adoption by the Board regarding the sale and
2 delivery from the central liquor warehouse.

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4 Sec. 8. 7 V.S.A. § 110 is amended to read:

5 § 110. SPECIAL BRANDS; PURCHASE BY COMMISSIONER OF
6 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY

7 If a person desires to purchase any class, variety, or brand of spirits or
8 ~~fortified wine~~ that a local agency or fortified wine permit holder does not have
9 in stock, the Commissioner of Liquor and Lottery shall order the product upon
10 the payment of a reasonable deposit by the purchaser in a proportion of the
11 approximate cost of the order as prescribed by the rules of the Board of Liquor
12 and Lottery.

13 Sec. 9. 7 V.S.A. § 112 is amended to read:

14 § 112. LIQUOR CONTROL ENTERPRISE FUND

15 The Liquor Control Enterprise Fund is established. It shall consist of all
16 receipts from the sale of spirits, ~~fortified wines~~, and other items by the Board
17 of Liquor and Lottery and Division of Liquor Control; fees paid to the
18 Division of Liquor Control for the benefit of the Division; all other amounts
19 received by the Division of Liquor Control for its benefit; and all amounts that
20 are from time to time appropriated to the Division of Liquor Control.

1 Sec. 10. 7 V.S.A. § 161 is amended to read:

2 § 161. LICENSES VOTED BY TOWN; TOWN MEETINGS; WARNING

3 (a) Upon petition of not less than five percent of the legal voters of any
4 town, filed with the town clerk in conformance with 17 V.S.A. § 2642, the
5 warning of the annual or special meeting shall contain an article providing for
6 a vote upon the following questions:

7 Shall licenses for the sale of malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous beverages, and
8 fortified wines be granted in this town?

9 Shall spirits and fortified wines be sold in this town?

10 The vote under the article shall be by ballot in the following form:

11 Shall licenses for the sale of malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous beverages, and
12 fortified wines be granted in this town?

13 Yes ___ No ___

14 Shall spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ be sold in this town?

15 Yes ___ No ___

16 (b) Licenses and permits for the sale of malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous
17 beverages, fortified wines, and spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ shall be issued
18 according to the vote at the annual town meeting held in March 1969 until a
19 town votes otherwise.

1 Sec. 11. 7 V.S.A. § 201 is amended to read:

2 § 201. LICENSES CONTINGENT ON TOWN VOTE

3 Licenses of the first or second class shall not be granted by the control
4 commissioners or the Board of Liquor and Lottery to be exercised in any city
5 or town, the voters of which vote “No” on the question of whether to permit
6 the sale of malt beverages, ~~and~~ vinous beverages, and fortified wines pursuant
7 to section 161 of this title. Licenses of the third class shall not be granted by
8 the Board of Liquor and Lottery to be exercised in any city or town, the voters
9 of which vote “No” on the question of whether to sell ~~fortified wines and~~
10 spirits pursuant to section 161 of this title.

11 Sec. 12. 7 V.S.A. § 204 is amended to read:

12 § 204. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR LICENSES AND
13 PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

14 (a) The following fees shall be paid when applying for a new license or
15 permit or to renew a license or permit:

16 (1) For a manufacturer’s or rectifier’s license to manufacture or rectify
17 malt beverages, or vinous beverages and fortified wines, or ready-to-drink
18 spirits beverages, or spirits ~~and fortified wines~~, \$285.00 for each license.

19 * * *

20 (7) For a shipping license for malt beverages ~~or~~, or vinous beverages, or
21 ready-to-drink spirits beverages:

1 (A) in-state consumer shipping license, \$330.00.

2 (B) out-of-state consumer shipping license, \$330.00.

3 (C) vinous beverages retail shipping license, \$250.00.

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5 (16) For a certificate of approval:

6 (A) for malt beverages, \$2,485.00;

7 (B) for vinous beverages and fortified wines, \$985.00.

8 (C) for ready-to-drink spirits beverages, \$985.00.

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10 (21) ~~For a fortified wine permit, \$100.00.~~ [Repealed.]

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12 Sec. 13. 7 V.S.A. § 221 is amended to read:

13 § 221. FIRST-CLASS LICENSES

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15 (b)(1) A first-class license permits the holder to sell malt ~~and~~ beverages,
16 vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages for
17 consumption only on those premises.

18 (2) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to sections 271 and 278 of
19 this title, a first-class license holder shall purchase all malt beverages ~~and~~,
20 vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages sold
21 pursuant to the license from Vermont wholesale dealers or packagers.

1 (c) A retail dealer carrying on business in more than one place shall acquire
2 a first-class license for each place where the retail dealer sells malt ~~or~~
3 beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits
4 beverages for consumption on the premises.

5 * * *

6 Sec. 14. 7 V.S.A. § 222 is amended to read:

7 § 222. SECOND-CLASS LICENSES

8 (a)(1) With the approval of the Board of Liquor and Lottery, the control
9 commissioners may grant a second-class license to a retail dealer for the
10 premises where the dealer carries on business if the retail dealer submits an
11 application and pays the fee provided in section 204 of this title and satisfies
12 the Board that the premises:

13 * * *

14 (B) are a safe, sanitary, and proper place from which to sell malt ~~and~~
15 beverages, vinous beverages, and fortified wines.

16 * * *

17 (b)(1) A second-class license permits the holder to export malt ~~and~~
18 beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits
19 beverages and to sell malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines,
20 and ready-to-drink spirits beverages to the public from the licensed premises
21 for consumption off the premises.

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(3) For a third-class license that is issued to a licensed manufacturer or rectifier of spirits or fortified wines, the licensee shall not be required to purchase from the Board of Liquor and Lottery spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ that it has manufactured or rectified before selling them pursuant to its third-class license.

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Sec. 16. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

§ 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES

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(b) At each licensed location, a fourth-class licensee may sell by the unopened container or distribute by the glass, with or without charge, alcoholic beverages manufactured by the licensee.

(1) A licensee may, for consumption at the licensed premises or location, distribute the following amounts of alcoholic beverages to a retail customer:

(A) ~~not~~ not more than two ounces of malt beverages ~~or~~, or vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages with a total of eight ounces; and

* * *

1 (b) The holder of a first-class license may serve a sampler flight of up to
2 12 ounces in the aggregate of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits
3 beverages to a single customer at one time.

4 * * *

5 (d) The holder of a first-class license may serve a sampler flight of up to
6 four ounces in the aggregate of fortified wines to a single customer at one time.

7 Sec. 19. 7 V.S.A. § 251 is amended to read:

8 § 251. EDUCATIONAL SAMPLING EVENT PERMIT

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10 (b) An educational sampling event permit holder is permitted to conduct an
11 event that is open to the public at which malt beverages, vinous beverages,
12 ready-to-drink spirits beverages, fortified wines, spirits, or all four are served
13 only for the purposes of marketing and educational sampling.

14 * * *

15 (d) The permit holder shall ensure all the following:

16 (1) Attendees at the educational sampling event shall be required to pay
17 an entry fee of ~~no~~ not less than \$5.00.

18 (2)(A) Malt beverages ~~or~~, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits
19 beverages for sampling shall be offered in glasses that contain ~~no~~ not more
20 than two ounces of either beverage.

21 * * *

1 (f) Taxes for the alcoholic beverages served at the event shall be paid as
2 follows:

3 * * *

4 (2) vinous beverages and ready-to-drink spirits beverages: \$0.55 per
5 gallon served;

6 * * *

7 Sec. 20. 7 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:

8 § 252. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

9 * * *

10 (b)(1) A special event permit holder may sell alcoholic beverages
11 manufactured or rectified by the permit holder by the glass or the unopened
12 bottle.

13 (2) For purposes of tasting, a special event permit holder may distribute
14 beverages manufactured or rectified by the permit holder with or without
15 charge, provided the beverages are distributed:

16 (A) by the glass; and

17 (B) in quantities of ~~no~~ not more than two ounces per product and
18 eight ounces total of malt beverages ~~or~~, vinous beverages, or low-alcohol
19 spirits beverages and ~~no~~ not more than one ounce in total of spirits or fortified
20 wines to each individual.

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1 Sec. 21. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

2 § 253. FESTIVAL PERMITS

3 * * *

4 (b) A festival required to be permitted under this section is any event that is
5 open to the public for which the primary purpose is to serve one or more of the
6 following: malt beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages,
7 fortified wines, or spirits.

8 (c) A festival permit holder is permitted to conduct an event that is open to
9 the public at which one or more of the following are served: malt beverages,
10 vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages, fortified wines, or spirits.

11 (d) The permit holder shall ensure the following:

12 * * *

13 (2)(A) Malt beverages for sampling shall be offered in glasses that
14 contain not more than 12 ounces; with not more than 60 ounces served to any
15 patron at one event.

16 (B) Vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits beverages for
17 sampling shall be offered in glasses that contain not more than five ounces
18 with not more than 25 ounces served to any patron at one event.

19 * * *

20 (E) Patrons attending a festival where combinations of malt
21 beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages, fortified wines,

1 or spirits are mutually sampled shall not be served more than a combined total
2 of six U.S. standard drinks containing 3.6 fluid ounces or 84 grams of pure
3 ethyl alcohol.

4 * * *

5 (e)(1) A festival permit holder may purchase invoiced volumes of malt ~~or~~
6 beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages directly from
7 a manufacturer or packager licensed in Vermont or a manufacturer or packager
8 that holds a federal Basic Permit or Brewers Notice or evidence of licensure in
9 a foreign country that is satisfactory to the Board.

10 (2) The invoiced volumes of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or
11 ready-to-drink spirits beverages may be transported to the site and sold by the
12 glass to the public by the permit holder or its employees and volunteers only
13 during the event.

14 (f) A festival permit holder shall be subject to the provisions of this title,
15 including section 214 of this title, and the rules of the Board regarding the sale
16 of the alcoholic beverages and shall pay the tax on the malt ~~or~~ beverages,
17 vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages pursuant to section 421
18 of this title.

19 * * *

1 Sec. 22. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

2 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

3 * * *

4 (b) A permit holder may purchase malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or
5 ready-to-drink spirits beverages directly from a licensed retailer.

6 * * *

7 (d) A public library or museum may only be granted a permit pursuant to
8 this section for an event held for a charitable or educational purpose at which
9 malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous beverages, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages
10 will be served for a period of not more than six hours.

11 Sec. 23. 7 V.S.A. § 255 is amended to read:

12 § 255. RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTING PERMITS

13 * * *

14 (b) The Division may grant the following alcoholic beverage tasting
15 permits to the following types of licensees:

16 (1) A second-class licensee.

17 (A) The permit authorizes the employees of the second-class licensee
18 or of a designated manufacturer or rectifier to dispense to each customer of
19 legal age on the licensee's premises malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or
20 ready-to-drink spirits beverages by the glass not to exceed two ounces of each

1 beverage with a total of eight ounces of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages,
2 or ready-to-drink spirits beverages.

3 (B) Malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits
4 beverages dispensed at the tasting event shall be from the inventory of the
5 licensee or purchased from a wholesale dealer.

6 * * *

7 (2) A licensed manufacturer or rectifier of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous
8 beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages.

9 (A) The permit authorizes the licensed manufacturer or rectifier to
10 dispense to each customer of legal age for consumption on the premises of a
11 second-class licensee beverages produced by the manufacturer or rectifier by
12 the glass not to exceed two ounces of each beverage with a total of eight
13 ounces of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits
14 beverages.

15 * * *

16 (3) A licensed wholesale dealer. The permit authorizes a licensed
17 wholesale dealer to dispense malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-
18 drink spirits beverages for promotional purposes at the wholesale dealer's
19 premises without charge to invited employees of first-, second-, and third-class
20 licensees, provided the invited employees are of legal age.

1 (c) A vinous beverage, ready-to-drink spirits beverage, or malt beverage
2 tasting event held pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, not including an
3 alcoholic beverage tasting conducted on the premises of the manufacturer or
4 rectifier, shall comply with the following:

5 (1) continue for ~~no~~ not more than six hours, with ~~no~~ not more than six
6 beverages to be offered at a single event, and ~~no~~ not more than two ounces of
7 any single beverage and ~~no~~ not more than a total of eight ounces of malt ~~or~~
8 beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages to be
9 dispensed to a customer;

10 * * *

11 Sec. 24. 7 V.S.A. § 256 is amended to read:

12 § 256. PROMOTIONAL TASTINGS FOR LICENSEES

13 (a)(1) At the request of a first- or second-class licensee, a holder of a
14 manufacturer's, rectifier's, or wholesale dealer's license may distribute without
15 charge to the first- or second-class licensee's management and staff, provided
16 they are of legal age, two ounces per person of vinous beverages, ready-to-
17 drink spirits beverages, or one ounce per person of fortified wines, for the
18 purpose of promoting the beverage.

19 (2) At the request of a holder of a third-class license, a manufacturer or
20 rectifier of spirits ~~or fortified wines~~ may distribute without charge to the third-
21 class licensee's management and staff, provided they are of legal age, one-

1 quarter ounce of each beverage and not more than a total of one ounce to each
2 individual for the purpose of promoting the beverage.

3 (b)(1) At the request of a holder of a wholesale dealer’s license, a first-class
4 licensee may dispense malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or
5 ready-to-drink spirits beverages for promotional purposes without charge to
6 invited management and staff of first-, second-, or third-class licensees,
7 provided they are of legal age.

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9 (c)(1) Upon receipt of a first- or second-class application by the Division, a
10 holder of a wholesale dealer’s license may dispense malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous
11 beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages for promotional
12 purposes without charge to invited management and staff of the business that
13 has applied for a first- or second-class license, provided they are of legal age.

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15 (4) No malt beverages, ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-
16 drink spirits beverages shall be left behind at the conclusion of the tasting.

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18 Sec. 25. 7 V.S.A. § 257 is amended to read:

19 § 257. TASTINGS FOR PRODUCT QUALITY ASSURANCE

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1 (b) Each sample of malt beverages ~~or~~, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink
2 spirits beverages shall be ~~no~~ not larger than two ounces, and each sample of
3 spirits or fortified wines shall be ~~no~~ not larger than one-quarter ounce.

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5 Sec. 26. 7 V.S.A. § 271 is amended to read:

6 § 271. MANUFACTURER’S OR RECTIFIER’S LICENSE

7 (a)(1) The Board of Liquor and Lottery may grant a manufacturer’s or
8 rectifier’s license upon application and payment of the fee provided in section
9 204 of this title that permits the license holder to operate a facility that
10 manufactures or rectifies:

11 (A) malt beverages;

12 (B) vinous beverages and fortified wines; or

13 (C) spirits and ~~fortified wines~~ ready-to-drink spirits beverages.

14 * * *

15 (b) Except as otherwise provided in section 224 of this title and subsections

16 (d)–(f) of this section:

17 (1) spirits ~~and fortified wine~~ may be manufactured for sale to the Board
18 of Liquor and Lottery or for export, or both; and

19 (2) malt beverages ~~and~~, vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-
20 drink spirits beverages may be manufactured or rectified for sale to packagers
21 or wholesale dealers, or for export, or both.

1 (c) A licensed manufacturer of vinous beverages or fortified wines, or both,
2 may receive from another manufacturer licensed in or outside this State bulk
3 shipments of vinous beverages to rectify with the licensee’s own product,
4 provided that the vinous beverages or fortified wines produced by the licensed
5 manufacturer may contain ~~no~~ not more than 25 percent imported vinous
6 beverages.

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8 Sec. 27. 7 V.S.A. § 273 is amended to read:

9 § 273. WHOLESALE DEALER’S LICENSE

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11 (b) A wholesale dealer’s license holder may distribute or sell malt
12 beverages ~~or~~, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits
13 beverages to first- and second-class licensees and holders of educational
14 sampling event permits.

15 * * *

16 Sec. 28. 7 V.S.A. § 274 is amended to read:

17 § 274. CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR DISTRIBUTION OF MALT
18 OR VINOUS BEVERAGES

19 (a) The Board of Liquor and Lottery may grant to a manufacturer or
20 distributor of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-
21 drink spirits beverages that is not licensed under the provisions of this title a

1 certificate of approval if the manufacturer or distributor does all of the
2 following:

3 * * *

4 (b) A certificate of approval shall permit the holder to export malt ~~or~~
5 beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits
6 beverages or sell malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or
7 ready-to-drink spirits beverages to holders of packagers' or wholesale dealers'
8 licenses issued under section 272 or 273 of this title, or both.

9 (c) A holder of a packager's or a wholesale dealer's license issued under
10 this title shall not purchase within or outside the State, or import or cause to be
11 imported into the State, any malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified
12 wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages unless the person, manufacturer, or
13 distributor from which the beverages are obtained holds a valid certificate of
14 approval or packager's license.

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16 Sec. 29. 7 V.S.A. § 275 is amended to read:
17 § 275. SOLICITOR'S LICENSE

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19 (b) A solicitor's license holder may, by canvassing or interviewing holders
20 of licenses issued under the provisions of this title:

1 of the applicant’s current Vermont manufacturer’s license and the fee provided
2 in section 204 of this title.

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4 (b)(1) A manufacturer or rectifier of malt ~~or beverages~~, vinous beverages,
5 or ready-to-drink spirits beverages licensed in another state that operates a
6 brewery ~~or~~, winery, or distillery in the United States and holds valid state and
7 federal permits and licenses may be granted an out-of-state consumer shipping
8 license by filing with the Division of Liquor Control an application in a form
9 required by the Commissioner accompanied by copies of the applicant’s
10 current out-of-state manufacturer’s license and the fee provided in section 204
11 of this title.

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13 (c)(1) A consumer shipping license granted pursuant to this section shall
14 permit the licensee to ship malt ~~or beverages~~, vinous beverages, or ready-to-
15 drink spirits beverages produced by the licensee to private residents for
16 personal use and not for resale.

17 (2) A licensee shall not ship more than 12 cases of malt beverages
18 containing ~~no~~ not more than 36 gallons of malt beverages or ~~no~~ not more than
19 12 cases of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits beverages containing ~~no~~
20 not more than 29 gallons of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits
21 beverages to any one Vermont resident in any calendar year.

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Sec. 31. 7 V.S.A. § 278 is amended to read:

§ 278. VINOUS BEVERAGE AND READY-TO-DRINK SPIRITS
BEVERAGE RETAIL SHIPPING LICENSE

(a) A manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits beverages that is licensed in the State or outside the State and holds valid state and federal permits and operates a winery or distillery in the United States may apply for a retail shipping license by filing with the Division of Liquor Control an application in a form required by the Commissioner accompanied by a copy of its in-state or out-of-state license and the fee provided in section 204 of this title.

* * *

(c) A retail shipping license holder, including the holder’s affiliates, franchises, and subsidiaries, may sell up to 5,000 gallons of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits beverages per year directly to first- or second-class licensees and deliver the beverages by common carrier, the manufacturer’s or rectifier’s own vehicle, or the vehicle of an employee of a manufacturer or rectifier, provided that the beverages are sold on invoice, and ~~no~~ not more than 100 gallons per month are sold to any single first- or second-class licensee.

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1 (e) Vinous beverages or ready-to-drink spirits beverages sold under this
2 section may be delivered by the vehicle of a second-class license holder if the
3 second-class licensee cannot obtain the vinous beverages from a wholesale
4 dealer.

5 Sec. 32. 7 V.S.A. § 279 is amended to read:

6 § 279. CONSUMER AND RETAIL SHIPPING LICENSES; GENERAL
7 REQUIREMENTS

8 A holder of a shipping license granted pursuant to section 277 or 278 of this
9 subchapter shall comply with all of the following:

10 * * *

11 (4) Report at least twice per year to the Division if a holder of a
12 consumer shipping license and once per year if a holder of a retail shipping
13 license in a manner and form required by the Commissioner all the following
14 information:

15 (A) the total amount of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or
16 ready-to-drink spirits beverages shipped into or within the State during the
17 preceding six months if a holder of a consumer shipping license or during the
18 preceding 12 months if a holder of a retail shipping license;

19 * * *

20 (5) Pay to the Commissioner of Taxes the tax required pursuant to
21 section 421 of this title on the malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-

1 to-drink spirits beverages shipped pursuant to this subchapter and comply with
2 the provisions of 32 V.S.A. chapter 233, 24 V.S.A. § 138, and any other
3 legally authorized local sales taxes. Delivery in this State shall be deemed to
4 constitute a sale in this State at the place of delivery and shall be subject to all
5 appropriate taxes levied by the State of Vermont.

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7 Sec. 33. 7 V.S.A. § 280 is amended to read:

8 § 280. COMMON CARRIERS; REQUIREMENTS

9 (a) A common carrier shall not deliver malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous
10 beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages pursuant to this chapter until it
11 has complied with the training provisions in section 213 of this title and been
12 certified by the Division of Liquor Control.

13 (b) No employee of a certified common carrier may deliver malt ~~or~~
14 beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages until that
15 employee completes the training required pursuant to subsection 213(c) of this
16 title.

17 (c) A certified common carrier shall deliver only malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous
18 beverages, or low-alcohol spirits beverages that have been shipped by the
19 holder of a license issued under section 277 or 278 of this subchapter or vinous
20 beverages that have been shipped by the holder of a vinous beverage storage
21 license issued under section 283 of this subchapter.

1 Sec. 34. 7 V.S.A. § 281 is amended to read:

2 § 281. PROHIBITIONS

3 (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in section 226 of this title, direct
4 shipments of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits
5 beverages are prohibited if the shipment is not specifically authorized and in
6 compliance with sections 277–280 of this subchapter.

7 (2) Any person who knowingly makes, participates in, imports, or
8 receives a direct shipment of malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-
9 drink spirits beverages from a person who does not hold a license, permit, or
10 certificate pursuant to sections 226 or 277–280 of this title may be fined not
11 more than \$2,500.00 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

12 (b) The holder of a license issued pursuant to section 277 or 278 of this title
13 or a common carrier that ships malt ~~or~~ beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-
14 to-drink spirits beverages to an individual under 21 years of age shall be fined
15 not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$3,000.00 or imprisoned not more than
16 two years, or both.

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18 Sec. 35. 7 V.S.A. § 421 is amended to read:

19 § 421. TAX ON MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES

20 (a)(1) Every packager and wholesale dealer shall pay to the Commissioner
21 of Taxes the sum of 26 and one-half cents per gallon for every gallon or its

1 equivalent of malt beverages containing not more than six percent of alcohol
2 by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State and
3 the sum of 55 cents per gallon for each gallon of the following beverages sold
4 by them to retailers of the State:

5 (A) malt beverages containing more than six percent of alcohol by
6 volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit ~~and each gallon of;~~

7 (B) vinous beverages ~~sold by them to retailers in the State and~~
8 fortified wines; and

9 (C) ready-to-drink spirits beverages.

10 (2) A manufacturer or rectifier of malt ~~or beverages,~~ vinous beverages,
11 fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages shall pay the taxes required
12 by this subsection to the Commissioner of Taxes for all malt ~~and beverages,~~
13 vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages
14 manufactured or rectified by them and sold at retail.

15 (b) A packager or wholesale dealer may sell malt ~~or beverages,~~ vinous
16 beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages to any duly
17 authorized agency of the U.S. Armed Forces on any U.S. Armed Forces'
18 installation presently existing in the State or ~~which~~ that may in the future be
19 established as though to a retail dealer but without the payment of the
20 gallonage tax, subject to the filing of the returns as provided in subsection (c)
21 of this section.

1 (c)(1) For the purpose of ascertaining the amount of tax, on the filing dates
2 set out in subdivision (2) of this subsection according to tax liability, each
3 packager, wholesale dealer, manufacturer, or rectifier shall transmit to the
4 Commissioner of Taxes, upon a form prepared and furnished by the
5 Commissioner, a statement or return under oath or affirmation showing the
6 quantity of malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous beverages, fortified wines, and ready-
7 to-drink spirits beverages sold by the packager, wholesale dealer,
8 manufacturer, or rectifier during the preceding filing period, and report any
9 other information requested by the Commissioner accompanied by payment of
10 the tax required by this section. The amount of tax computed under subsection
11 (a) of this section shall be rounded to the nearest whole cent. At the same time
12 this form is due, each packager, wholesale dealer, manufacturer, or rectifier
13 also shall transmit to the Commissioner in electronic format a separate report
14 showing the description, quantity, and price of malt ~~and~~ beverages, vinous
15 beverages, fortified wines, and ready-to-drink spirits beverages sold by the
16 packager, wholesale dealer, manufacturer, or rectifier to each retail dealer as
17 defined in section 2 of this title; provided, however, for direct sales to retail
18 dealers by manufacturers or rectifiers of vinous beverages or ready-to-drink
19 spirits beverages, the report required by this subsection may be submitted in a
20 nonelectronic format.

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1 Sec. 36. 7 V.S.A. § 422 is amended to read:

2 § 422. TAX ON SPIRITS AND FORTIFIED WINES

3 (a) A tax of five percent is assessed on the gross revenue from the sale of
4 spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ in the State of Vermont by the Board of Liquor and
5 Lottery or the retail sale of spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ in Vermont by a
6 manufacturer or rectifier of spirits ~~or fortified wines~~, in accordance with the
7 provisions of this title.

8 (b) The retail sales of spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ made by a manufacturer or
9 rectifier at a fourth-class or farmers' market license location shall be included
10 in the gross revenue of a seller under this section, but only to the extent that the
11 sales are of the manufacturer's or rectifier's own products, and not products
12 purchased from other manufacturers and rectifiers.

13 Sec. 37. 7 V.S.A. § 423 is amended to read:

14 § 423. RULES

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16 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, where the spirits ~~and~~
17 ~~fortified wines~~ tax liability of a manufacturer or rectifier under section 422 of
18 this title for the immediately preceding full calendar year has been (or would
19 have been in cases when the business was not operating for the entire year)
20 \$1,000.00 or less, the tax imposed on the manufacturer or rectifier by
21 section 422 of this title shall be due and payable in one annual payment on or

1 before the 25th day of January. Where the spirits ~~and fortified wines~~ tax
2 liability of a manufacturer or rectifier under section 422 of this title for the
3 immediately preceding full calendar year has been (or would have been in
4 cases when the business was not operating for the entire year) more than
5 \$1,000.00, the tax imposed on the manufacturer or rectifier by section 422 of
6 this title shall be due and payable in quarterly installments on or before the
7 25th day of the calendar month succeeding the quarter ending the last day of
8 March, June, September, and December of each year.

9 Sec. 38. 7 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

10 § 651. SOLICITING ORDERS

11 A person who, for himself or herself or as agent, takes or solicits orders for
12 the sale of malt ~~or beverages~~, vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-
13 drink spirits beverages, except for licensees or from agencies of the
14 U.S. Armed Forces as specified in section 421 of this title, or of spirits or
15 fortified wines shall be imprisoned not more than six months or fined not more
16 than \$500.00 nor less than \$100.00, or both.

17 Sec. 39. 7 V.S.A. § 656 is amended to read:

18 § 656. PERSON 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND UNDER 21 YEARS
19 OF AGE MISREPRESENTING AGE, PROCURING, POSSESSING,
20 OR CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; CIVIL
21 VIOLATION

1 (a) Prohibited conduct; offense.

2 (1) Prohibited conduct. A person 16 years of age or older and under 21
3 years of age shall not:

4 (A) Falsely represent ~~his or her~~ the person's age for the purpose of
5 procuring or attempting to procure malt or vinous beverages, fortified wines,
6 ready-to-drink spirits beverages, spirits, or fortified wines from any licensee,
7 State liquor agency, or other person or persons.

8 (B) Possess malt or vinous beverages, fortified wines, ready-to-drink
9 spirits beverages, spirits, or fortified wines for the purpose of consumption by
10 ~~himself or herself~~ the person or other minors, except in the regular
11 performance of duties as an employee of a licensee licensed to sell alcoholic
12 liquor.

13 (C) Consume malt or vinous beverages, fortified wines, ready-to-
14 drink spirits beverages, spirits, or fortified wines. A violation of this
15 subdivision may be prosecuted in a jurisdiction where the minor has consumed
16 malt or vinous beverages, fortified wines, ready-to-drink spirits beverages,
17 spirits, or fortified wines or in a jurisdiction where the indicators of
18 consumption are observed.

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1 Sec. 40. 7 V.S.A. § 701 is amended to read:

2 § 701. DEFINITIONS

3 Except as otherwise provided pursuant to section 752 of this chapter, as
4 used in this chapter:

5 (1) “Certificate of approval” means an authorization by the Board of
6 Liquor and Lottery pursuant to section 274 of this title to a manufacturer or
7 distributor of malt beverages, ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ~~both~~,
8 low-alcohol spirits beverages not licensed under the provisions of this title, to
9 sell those beverages to holders of a packager’s or wholesale dealer’s license
10 issued by the Board pursuant to section 272 or 273 of this title.

11 (2) “Franchise” or “agreement” ~~shall mean~~ means one or more of the
12 following:

13 * * *

14 (B) a relationship that has been in existence for at least one year in
15 which the wholesale dealer is granted the right to offer and sell the brands of
16 malt beverages, ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits
17 beverages offered by the certificate of approval holder or manufacturer;

18 * * *

19 (E) a relationship that has been in existence for at least one year in
20 which the wholesale dealer’s business is substantially reliant on the certificate

1 of approval holder or manufacturer for the continued supply of malt beverages
2 ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages; or

3 * * *

4 (3) “Franchisee” means any malt beverages, ~~or~~ vinous beverages,
5 fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages wholesale dealer to whom a
6 franchise or agreement as defined in this section is granted or offered, or any
7 malt beverages, ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or low-alcohol spirits
8 beverages certificate of approval holder or manufacturer who is a party to a
9 franchise or agreement as defined in this section.

10 (4) “Franchisor” means any malt beverages ~~or~~ vinous beverages,
11 fortified wines, or low-alcohol spirits beverages certificate of approval holder
12 or manufacturer who enters into any franchise or agreement with a malt
13 beverages ~~or~~ vinous beverages, or fortified wines wholesale dealer, or any
14 malt beverages ~~or~~ vinous beverages, or fortified wines certificate of approval
15 holder or manufacturer who is a party to a franchise or agreement as defined in
16 this section.

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1 Sec. 42. 7 V.S.A. § 705 is amended to read:

2 § 705. EXCLUSIVE TERRITORIES

3 No certificate of approval holder or manufacturer, who designates a sales
4 territory for which a wholesale dealer shall be primarily responsible or in
5 which a wholesale dealer is required to concentrate its efforts, shall enter into
6 any franchise or agreement with any other wholesale dealer for the purpose of
7 establishing an additional franchisee for its brand or brands of malt beverages
8 ~~or~~ vinous beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages in the
9 territory being primarily served or concentrated upon by the first licensed
10 wholesale dealer.

11 Sec. 43. 7 V.S.A. § 706 is amended to read:

12 § 706. SALE TO RETAILERS BY FRANCHISEES

13 No franchisee that is granted a sales territory for which the franchisee shall
14 be primarily responsible or in which the franchisee is required to concentrate
15 its efforts shall make any sale or delivery of malt beverages ~~or~~ vinous
16 beverages, fortified wines, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages to any retail
17 licensee whose place of business is not within the sales territory granted to the
18 franchisee.

19 Sec. 44. REPEAL

20 7 V.S.A. § 225 (fortified wine permits) is repealed.

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Sec. 50. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Sec. 49 (transitional provision; staggered license renewal) shall take effect on passage.

(b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2022.