

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 730 entitled “An act relating to alcoholic beverages and the Department of
4 Liquor and Lottery” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, 7 V.S.A. § 2 (definitions), in subdivision (25), immediately
7 following the period after the words “and other ingredients” by striking out the
8 last sentence and subdivisions (A) and (B) in their entirety.

9 Second: In Sec. 2, 7 V.S.A. § 2 (definitions), in subdivision (36) (second-
10 class license), immediately following the comma after the words “vinous
11 beverages” by inserting “ready-to-drink spirits beverages,” before the words
12 “and fortified wines”

13 Third: In Sec. 2, 7 V.S.A. § 2 (definitions), in subdivision (40) (spirits),
14 immediately following the period at the end of the subdivision, by inserting the
15 following: “Spirits” also means a ready-to-drink spirits beverage that contains
16 more than 12 percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit or is
17 packaged in containers greater than 24 fluid ounces in volume.”

18 Fourth: In Sec. 14, 7 V.S.A. § 222 (second-class licenses), in subdivision
19 (a)(1)(B), immediately following the comma after the words “vinous
20 beverages” by inserting “ready-to-drink spirits beverages,” before the words
21 “and fortified wines”

1 Fifth: By adding a Sec. 44a to read as follows:

2 Sec. 44a. TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

3 (a) In fiscal year 2023, a minimum of \$20,400,000.00 shall be transferred
4 from the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund to the General Fund. The amount
5 transferred pursuant to this subsection shall include any amounts transferred
6 pursuant to the fiscal year 2023 annual budget bill.

7 (b) In fiscal year 2024, a minimum of \$21,200,000.00 shall be transferred
8 from the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund to the General Fund.

9 (c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that for each year after fiscal
10 year 2024 the amounts transferred from the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund to
11 the General Fund shall annually increase at a rate not less than the growth rate
12 of liquor tax revenues in the most recent January Consensus Revenue Forecast.

13 (Committee vote: _____)

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15 Representative _____

16 FOR THE COMMITTEE