

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs to which was
3 referred House Bill No. 313 entitled “An act relating to miscellaneous
4 amendments to alcoholic beverage laws” respectfully reports that it has
5 considered the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out
6 all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 204 is amended to read:

8 § 204. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR LICENSES AND
9 PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES

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

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13 (6) For a third-class license, \$1,095.00 for an annual license and
14 \$550.00 for a six-month license. For a stand-alone third-class license, the
15 issuing municipality may assess an additional \$50.00 local processing fee.

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17 (b) Except for fees collected for first-, second-, and third-class licenses, the
18 fees collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited in the
19 Liquor Control Enterprise Fund. The other fees shall be distributed as follows:

20 (1) Third-class license fees: 55 percent shall go to the Liquor Control
21 Enterprise Fund, and 45 percent shall go to the General Fund and shall fund

1 alcohol abuse prevention and treatment programs. The local processing fee for
2 stand-alone third-class licenses shall be retained by the issuing municipality.

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4 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 230 is added to read:

5 § 230. SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR OFF-PREMISES

6 CONSUMPTION

7 (a) The Board of Liquor and Lottery and the local control commissioners
8 may approve the following:

9 (1) Authorize first- and third-class licensees to sell malt beverages,
10 vinous beverages, and spirits-based prepared drinks for off-premises
11 consumption. All sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption
12 must be accompanied by a food order.

13 (2) Authorize fourth-class licensees to provide curbside pickup of
14 unopened containers of spirits, spirits-based products, malt beverages, and
15 vinous beverages.

16 (b) For any alcoholic beverage sold pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) of this
17 section, the first- or third-class licensee shall provide the alcoholic beverage in
18 a container:

19 (1) with a securely affixed tamper-evident seal; and

20 (2) bearing a label that:

21 (A) states that the beverage contains alcohol; and

1 (B) Vinous beverages for sampling shall be offered in glasses that
2 contain not more than five ounces with not more than 25 ounces served to any
3 patron at one event.

4 (C) Fortified wines for sampling shall be offered in glasses that
5 contain not more than three ounces with not more than 15 ounces served to any
6 patron at one event.

7 (D) Spirits for sampling shall be offered in glasses that contain not
8 more than one ounce with not more than five ounces served to any patron at
9 one event.

10 (E) Patrons attending a festival where combinations of malt, vinous,
11 fortified wines, or spirits are mutually sampled shall not be served more than a
12 combined total of six U.S. standard drinks containing 3.6 fluid ounces or
13 84 grams of pure ethyl alcohol.

14 (3) The event shall be conducted in compliance with all the
15 requirements of this title.

16 (e)(1) A festival permit holder may purchase invoiced volumes of malt or
17 vinous beverages directly from a manufacturer or packager licensed in
18 Vermont, or a manufacturer or packager that holds a federal Basic Permit or
19 Brewers Notice or evidence of licensure in a foreign country that is satisfactory
20 to the Board.

1 (2) The invoiced volumes of malt or vinous beverages may be
2 transported to the site and sold by the glass to the public by the permit holder
3 or its employees and volunteers only during the event.

4 ~~(e)~~(f) A festival permit holder shall be subject to the provisions of this title,
5 including section 214 of this title, and the rules of the Board regarding the sale
6 of the alcoholic beverages and shall pay the tax on the malt or vinous
7 beverages pursuant to section 421 of this title.

8 ~~(d)~~(g) A person shall be granted ~~no~~ not more than four festival permits per
9 year, and each permit shall be valid for ~~no~~ not more than four consecutive
10 days.

11 Sec. 4. 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 ~~and are off duty for the rest of the day~~, two ounces per
17 person of vinous or malt beverages for the purpose of promoting the beverage.

18 (2) At the request of a holder of a third-class license, a manufacturer or
19 rectifier of spirits or fortified wines may distribute without charge to the third-
20 class licensee's management and staff, provided they are of legal age ~~and are~~
21 ~~off duty for the rest of the day~~, one-quarter ounce of each beverage and ~~no~~ not

1 more than a total of one ounce to each individual for the purpose of promoting
2 the beverage.

3 (3) No permit is required for a tasting pursuant to this subsection, ~~but~~
4 ~~written notice of the event shall be provided to the Division of Liquor Control~~
5 ~~at least two days prior to the date of the tasting.~~

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7 Sec. 5. REPEAL

8 7 V.S.A. § 230 is repealed on July 1, 2023.

9 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

11 (Committee vote: _____)

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13 Representative _____

14 FOR THE COMMITTEE