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8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; manufacturing and distribution of alcohol;  
11 spirits consumer shipping license

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

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

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

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

18 § 277a. SPIRITS CONSUMER SHIPPING LICENSE

19 (a) An in-state or out-of-state consumer shipping license may be granted to  
20 a manufacturer or rectifier of spirits or fortified wines in the same manner as a

1 manufacturer or rectifier of malt or vinous beverages pursuant to section 277  
2 of this title. An in-state or out-of-state spirits or fortified wines consumer  
3 shipping license may only be granted to a manufacturer that meets all the  
4 requirements of sections 277 and 279 of this title.

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

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

9 (2) submit each product registration to the Division on a form prescribed  
10 by the Division.

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

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

17 (1) 12 cases of fortified wines containing not more than 29 gallons of  
18 fortified wines; or

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

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

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

6       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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