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2	An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to alcoholic beverage laws
3	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
4	Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:
5	§ 2. DEFINITIONS
6	As used in this title:
7	* * *
8	(44) "Cider" "Hard cider" means a vinous beverage, made a majority
9	from the fermented natural sugar content of apples or pears, that contains an
10	alcoholic content of not less than one percent or more than 16 percent by
11	volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. "Cider" "Hard cider" includes sweetened,
12	flavored, and carbonated hard cider.
13	Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 204 is amended to read:
14	§ 204. APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FEES FOR LICENSES AND
15	PERMITS; DISPOSITION OF FEES
16	(a) The following fees shall be paid when applying for a new license or
17	permit or to renew a license or permit:
18	* * *
19	(9) For up to ten each fourth-class licenses license, \$70.00.
20	* * *
21	(12) For a festival sampling event permit, \$125.00.
22	* * *

1	(14) For an educational sampling a limited event permit, \$250.00.
2	* * *
3	Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:
4	§ 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES
5	(a) The Board of Liquor and Lottery may grant up to a combined total of
6	ten 20 fourth-class licenses to a manufacturer or rectifier that submits an
7	application and the fee provided in section 204 of this title.
8	* * *
9	Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 228 is amended to read:
10	§ 228. SAMPLER FLIGHTS
11	(a) The holder of a first-class license may serve a sampler flight of up to
12	32 ounces in the aggregate of malt beverages or <u>hard</u> ciders to a single
13	customer at one time.
14	* * *
15	Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 251 is amended to read:
16	§ 251. EDUCATIONAL SAMPLING LIMITED EVENT
17	PERMIT
18	(a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an educational sampling a
19	<u>limited</u> event permit to a person if:
20	(1) the <u>limited</u> event is also approved by the local control
21	commissioners; and

1	(2) at least 15 days prior to the event, the applicant submits an
2	application to the Division in a form required by the Commissioner that
3	includes a list of the alcoholic beverages to be acquired for sampling at the
4	event and is accompanied by the fee provided in section 204 of this title.
5	(b)(1) An educational sampling A limited event permit holder is permitted
6	to conduct an event that is open to the public at which may purchase invoiced
7	volumes of malt beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages
8	fortified wines, or spirits, or all five are served only for the purposes of
9	marketing and educational sampling, directly from a manufacturer, packager,
10	wholesale dealer, or importer licensed in Vermont or a manufacturer or
11	packager that holds a federal Basic Permit or Brewer's Notice or evidence of
12	licensure in a foreign country that is satisfactory to the Board.
13	(2) The invoiced volumes of alcoholic beverages may be transported
14	into the site and sold by the glass to the public by the permit holder or the
15	permit holder's employees and volunteers only during the event.
16	(c)(1) No Not more than four educational sampling limited event permits
17	shall be issued annually to the same person-, and
18	(2) An educational sampling event each permit shall be valid for no not
19	more than four consecutive days.
20	(d) The permit holder shall ensure all the following:

1	(1) Attendees at the educational sampling event shall be required to pay
2	an entry fee of not less than \$5.00.
3	(2)(A) Malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready to drink spirits
4	beverages for sampling shall be offered in glasses that contain not more than
5	two ounces of either beverage.
6	(B) Fortified wines and spirits for sampling shall be offered in glasses
7	that contain no more than one-quarter ounce of either beverage.
8	(3) The event shall be conducted in compliance with all the requirements
9	be subject to the provisions of this title, including section 214 of this title, and
10	the rules of the Board regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages. The permit
11	holder shall pay the tax on the alcoholic beverages served at the event pursuant
12	to section 421 of this title.
13	(e) An educational sampling event permit holder:
14	(1) may receive shipments directly from a manufacturer, packager,
15	certificate of approval holder, wholesale dealer, or importer licensed in
16	Vermont or that provides evidence of licensure in another state or foreign
17	country satisfactory to the Board;
18	(2) may transport alcoholic beverages to the event site, and those
19	beverages may be served at the event by the permit holder or the holder's
20	employees, volunteers, or representatives of a manufacturer, packager, or

1	importer participating in the event, provided they meet the server age and
2	training requirements under section 259 of this chapter; and
3	(3) shall mark all cases and bottles of alcoholic beverages to be served at
4	the event "For sampling only. Not for resale."
5	(f) Taxes for the alcoholic beverages served at the event shall be paid as
6	<del>follows:</del>
7	(1) malt beverages:
8	(A) \$0.265 per gallon of malt beverages served that contain not more
9	than six percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit; and
10	(B) \$0.55 per gallon of malt beverages served that contain more than
11	six percent alcohol by volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit;
12	(2) vinous beverages: \$0.55 per gallon served;
13	(3) spirits: \$19.80 per gallon served;
14	(4) fortified wines: \$19.80 per gallon served; and
15	(5) ready-to-drink spirits beverages: \$1.10 per gallon served.
16	Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:
17	§ 253. FESTIVAL SAMPLING EVENT PERMITS
18	(a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant a festival sampling event
19	permit if the applicant has:
20	* * *

1	(2) submitted a request for <del>a festival</del> the permit to the Division in a form
2	required by the Commissioner at least 15 days prior to the festival event; and
3	* * *
4	(b) A festival An event required to be permitted under this section is any
5	event that is open to the public for which the primary purpose is to serve one or
6	more of the following: malt beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink
7	spirits beverages, fortified wines, or spirits.
8	(c) A festival sampling event permit holder is permitted to conduct an event
9	that is open to the public at which one or more of the following are served:
10	malt beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages, fortified
11	wines, or spirits.
12	(d) The permit holder shall ensure the following:
13	(1) Attendees at the festival sampling event shall be required to pay an
14	entry fee of not less than \$5.00.
15	* * *
16	(2)(A) Malt beverages and hard ciders for sampling shall be offered in
17	glasses that contain not more than 12 ounces with not more than 60 ounces
18	served to any patron at one event.
19	* * *
20	(E) Patrons attending a festival sampling event where combinations
21	of malt beverages, vinous beverages, ready-to-drink spirits beverages, fortified

1	wines, or spirits are mutually sampled shall not be served more than a
2	combined total of six U.S. standard drinks containing 3.6 fluid ounces or 84
3	grams of pure ethyl alcohol.
4	* * *
5	(e)(1) A festival sampling event permit holder may purchase invoiced
6	volumes of malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits
7	beverages directly from a manufacturer or packager licensed in Vermont or a
8	manufacturer or packager that holds a federal Basic Permit or Brewers Notice
9	or evidence of licensure in a foreign country that is satisfactory to the Board.
10	* * *
11	(f) A festival sampling event permit holder shall be subject to the
12	provisions of this title, including section 214 of this title, and the rules of the
13	Board regarding the sale of the alcoholic beverages and shall pay the tax on the
14	malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages pursuant
15	to section 421 of this title.
16	(g) A person shall be granted not more than four festival sampling event
17	permits per year, and each permit shall be valid for not more than four
18	consecutive days.

1	Sec. 7. 7 V.S.A. § 421 is amended to read:
2	§ 421. TAX ON MALT AND VINOUS BEVERAGES
3	(a) Every packager and wholesale dealer shall pay to the Commissioner of
4	Taxes:
5	(1) the sum of 26 and one-half cents per gallon for every gallon or its
6	equivalent of:
7	* * *
8	(B) <u>hard</u> ciders containing not more than seven percent of alcohol by
9	volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State;
10	(2) the sum of 55 cents per gallon for each gallon of:
11	* * *
12	(B) <u>hard</u> ciders containing more than seven percent of alcohol by
13	volume at 60 degrees Fahrenheit sold by them to retailers in the State; and
14	* * *
15	Sec. 8. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 70, Sec. 7 is amended to read:
16	Sec. 7. REPEAL
17	7 V.S.A. § 230 is repealed on July 1, <del>2023</del> <u>2025</u> .
18	Sec. 9. DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; ALCOHOLIC
19	BEVERAGES; PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT STUDY AND
20	REPORT

1	On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Liquor and Lottery, in
2	consultation with other stakeholders, shall study and report on the public safety
3	impacts of the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption since
4	the passage of 7 V.S.A. § 230. The Department shall submit the written report
5	to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and
6	the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General
7	Affairs. The Department shall include with its findings any recommendations
8	for legislative action.
9	Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATES
10	(a) This section and Sec. 8 (extension of sunset; 7 V.S.A. 230) shall take
11	effect on passage.
12	(b) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2023.