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2 An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the laws governing
3 alcoholic beverages and the Board of Liquor and Lottery

4 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
5 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 * * * Special Venue Serving Permit; Retail Establishments * * *

7 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

8 § 2. DEFINITIONS

9 As used in this title:

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(38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the

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Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~ retail

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establishment, public library, or museum to conduct an event at which malt or

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vinous beverages, or both, are served by the glass to the public. As used in this

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section, “art gallery” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to

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exhibit or offer for sale works of art; ~~“bookstore” means a fixed establishment~~

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~~whose primary purpose is to offer books for sale;~~ “public library” has the same

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meaning as in 22 V.S.A. § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in

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27 V.S.A. § 1151. As used in this section, “retail establishment” does not

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include a Vermont agency liquor store or a cannabis establishment as that term

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is defined in section 861 of this title.

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2 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

3 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

4 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~
5 retail establishment, public library, or museum a special venue serving permit
6 if the applicant has:

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8 (c) A permit holder shall be subject to the provisions of this title and the
9 rules of the Board regarding the service of alcoholic beverages. A permit
10 holder shall be authorized to serve, but not sell, alcoholic beverages for not
11 more than six hours and solely for consumption on the permitted premises.

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13 (e) An art gallery, retail establishment, public library, or museum may be
14 issued not more than 12 special venue serving permits in a calendar year.

15 (f) As used in this section, “retail establishment” does not include a
16 Vermont agency liquor store or a cannabis establishment as that term is
17 defined in section 861 of this title.

18 * * * 2026 Sunset of Special Venue Serving Permits

19 for Retail Establishments * * *

20 Sec. 3. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

21 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

1 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an art gallery, ~~retail~~
2 ~~establishment~~, public library, or museum a special venue serving permit if the
3 applicant has:

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5 (e) An art gallery, ~~retail establishment~~, public library, or museum may be
6 issued not more than 12 special venue serving permits in a calendar year.

7 ~~(f) As used in this section, “retail establishment” does not include a~~
8 ~~Vermont agency liquor store or a cannabis establishment as that term is~~
9 ~~defined in section 861 of this title.~~

10 Sec. 4. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

11 § 2. DEFINITIONS

12 As used in this title:

13 * * *

14 (38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the
15 Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, ~~retail establishment~~,
16 public library, or museum to conduct an event at which malt or vinous
17 beverages, or both, are served by the glass to the public. As used in this
18 section, “art gallery” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to
19 exhibit or offer for sale works of art; “public library” has the same meaning as
20 in 22 V.S.A. § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in 27 V.S.A.
21 § 1151. ~~As used in this section, “retail establishment” does not include a~~

1 ~~Vermont agency liquor store or a cannabis establishment as that term is~~
2 ~~defined in section 861 of this title.~~

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4 * * * Sampling Event Permits * * *

5 Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 253 is amended to read:

6 § 253. SAMPLING EVENT PERMITS

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8 (e)(1) A sampling event permit holder may purchase invoiced volumes of
9 malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits beverages directly
10 from a manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or packager licensed in Vermont or a
11 manufacturer, wholesale dealer, or packager that holds a federal Basic Permit
12 or Brewers Notice or evidence of licensure in a foreign country that is
13 satisfactory to the Board.

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15 * * * Special Event Permits * * *

16 Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:

17 § 252. SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

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19 (c) A licensed manufacturer or rectifier may be issued not more than ~~10~~ 20
20 special event permits for the same physical location in a calendar year.

1 * * * Liquor and Lottery Annual Report * * *

2 Sec. 7. 31 V.S.A. § 657 is amended to read:

3 § 657. REPORT OF THE ~~BOARD~~ DEPARTMENT

4 The ~~Board~~ Department of Liquor and Lottery shall make an annual report to
5 the Governor and to the General Assembly on or before the 10th day of
6 ~~January~~ March in each year. The report shall include an account of the
7 Board's actions and the receipts derived under the provisions of this chapter,
8 the practical effects of the application of the proceeds of the Lottery, and any
9 recommendation for legislation that the Board deems advisable.

10 * * * Extension of Liquor Liability Insurance Requirement * * *

11 Sec. 8. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 17, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 (a) This section and Secs. 1 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

14 (b) Sec. 2 shall take effect on July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026.

15 * * * Retail Master License Report * * *

16 Sec. 9. RETAIL MASTER LICENSE; REPORT

17 (a) On or before December 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Liquor and
18 Lottery shall report to the Senate Committee on Economic Development,
19 Housing and General Affairs and to the House Committee on Government
20 Operations and Military Affairs regarding the creation of a retail master license
21 that can be granted to a person that acts as the parent corporation for licensed

1 retail dealers or manufacturers that have merged and permits the license holder
2 to provide unified payroll and administrative services for the licensed retail
3 dealers or manufacturers. The report shall include a proposal for legislation to
4 create the license and an appropriate license fee.

5 * * * Tobacco Retail Audit * * *

6 Sec. 10. TOBACCO RETAIL AUDIT; INTENT; REPORT

7 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that comprehensive data should
8 be developed regarding the placement of beverage alcohol products in retail
9 establishments to inform future public policy decisions by the General
10 Assembly.

11 (b)(1) On or before January 15, 2025, the Department of Liquor and
12 Lottery shall report to the House Committees on Government Operations and
13 Military Affairs and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on
14 Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Health and
15 Welfare regarding the results of the 2024 Tobacco Retail Audit.

16 (2) The report shall include detailed findings regarding the physical
17 placement of beverage alcohol products within licensed retail establishments.

18 * * * Effective Dates * * *

19 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

20 (a) This section and Sec. 5 shall take effect on passage.

21 (b) Secs. 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

- 1 (c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2024.