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2 An act relating to alcoholic beverages

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

4 \* \* \* Term Length for Members of Board of Liquor and Lottery \* \* \*

5 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 101 is amended to read:

6 § 101. COMPOSITION OF DEPARTMENT; COMMISSIONER OF  
7 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; BOARD OF LIQUOR AND LOTTERY

8 \* \* \*

9 (b)(1) The Board of Liquor and Lottery shall consist of five persons. Not  
10 all members of the Board shall belong to the same political party.

11 (2)(A) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall  
12 appoint the members of the Board for staggered ~~three-year~~ four-year terms.

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14 \* \* \* Fourth-Class Licenses; Serving and Other License Limits \* \* \*

15 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

16 § 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES

17 \* \* \*

18 (b) At each licensed location, a fourth-class licensee may sell by the  
19 unopened container or distribute by the glass, with or without charge, alcoholic  
20 beverages manufactured by the licensee.

1 (1) A licensee may, for consumption at the licensed premises or  
2 location, distribute the following amounts of alcoholic beverages to a retail  
3 customer:

4 (A) at a farmer's market location, not more than:

5 (i) two ounces of malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-  
6 drink spirits beverages with a total of eight ounces; and

7 ~~(B)(ii) no more than~~ one-quarter ounce of spirits or fortified wine  
8 with a total of one ounce; or

9 (B) at a tasting room and retail shop, not more than:

10 (i) an aggregate total of 16 ounces of malt beverages or hard cider;

11 (ii) an aggregate total of 12 ounces of vinous beverages or ready-  
12 to-drink spirits beverages; and

13 (iii) one-quarter ounce of spirits or fortified wine with a total of  
14 two ounces.

15 \* \* \*

16 (c)(1) At ~~only one~~ not more than 10 fourth-class license ~~location~~ locations,  
17 a licensed manufacturer or rectifier may sell by the unopened container or  
18 distribute by the glass, with or without charge, ~~alcoholic beverages;~~

19 (A) malt beverages, vinous beverages, or ready-to-drink spirits  
20 beverages produced by ~~no~~ other licensed manufacturers or rectifiers; and



1 with the fee provided in section 204 of this title at least five days prior to the  
2 date of the event.

3 \* \* \*

4 \* \* \* Notice Period for Retail Tasting Permits \* \* \*

5 Sec. 5. 7 V.S.A. § 255 is amended to read:

6 § 255. RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTING PERMITS

7 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant a licensee a permit to  
8 conduct an alcoholic beverage tasting event as provided in subsection (b) of  
9 this section if:

10 (1) the licensee has submitted a written application in a form required by  
11 the Commissioner and paid the fee provided in section 204 of this title at least  
12 ~~five days~~ one business day prior to the date of the alcoholic beverage tasting  
13 event; and

14 \* \* \*

15 \* \* \* Distribution by Malt Beverage Manufacturers; 2028 Sunset \* \* \*

16 Sec. 6. 7 V.S.A. § 271 is amended to read:

17 § 271. MANUFACTURER'S OR RECTIFIER'S LICENSE

18 \* \* \*

19 (d)(1) The Board of Liquor and Lottery may grant to a licensed  
20 manufacturer or rectifier a first-class license or a third-class license, or both,  
21 permitting the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the public at an

1 establishment located at the manufacturer's or rectifier's licensed facility,  
2 provided the manufacturer or rectifier owns or has direct control over that  
3 establishment.

4 (2) A licensed manufacturer of malt beverages or vinous beverages may  
5 operate up to two licensed establishments pursuant to this subsection that are  
6 located at the licensed manufacturing facility or on property that is owned by  
7 the licensee and is contiguous with the parcel of land on which the licensed  
8 manufacturing facility is located, provided the manufacturer owns or has direct  
9 control over both establishments.

10 \* \* \*

11 (g) A licensed manufacturer of malt beverages may distribute an annual  
12 total of not more than 3,000 barrels of the manufacturer's malt beverages  
13 directly to holders of first- or second-class licenses.

14 Sec. 7. 7 V.S.A. § 271 is amended to read:

15 § 271. MANUFACTURER'S OR RECTIFIER'S LICENSE

16 \* \* \*

17 ~~(g) A licensed manufacturer of malt beverages may distribute an annual~~  
18 ~~total of not more than 3,000 barrels of the manufacturer's malt beverages~~  
19 ~~directly to holders of first- or second-class licenses. [Repealed.]~~

20 \* \* \* Removing Certified Check Requirement \* \* \*

1 Sec. 8. 7 V.S.A. § 275 is amended to read:

2 § 275. SOLICITOR'S LICENSE

3 (a) The Board of Liquor and Lottery may grant an individual a solicitor's  
4 license if ~~he or she~~ the individual does all of the following:

5 \* \* \*

6 (3) Pays the fee provided in section 204 of this title to the Division of  
7 Liquor Control ~~by certified check made payable to the State of Vermont~~. The  
8 ~~certified check~~ payment shall be returned to the applicant if the Board does not  
9 grant ~~him or her~~ the individual a license under this section.

10 \* \* \*

11 \* \* \* Deleting 2026 Sunset of Special Venue Serving Permits for Retail

12 Establishments \* \* \*

13 Sec. 9. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Secs. 3 and 4 are amended to read:

14 \* \* \* 2026 Sunset of Special Venue Serving Permits

15 for Retail Establishments \* \* \*

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

17 ~~§ 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS~~

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

21 \* \* \*



1 Sec. 10. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

4 (b) ~~Sees. 3 and 4 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.~~ [Deleted.]

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

6 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

7 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATES

8 (a) This section and Secs. 9 and 10 (deleting 2026 sunset of special venue  
9 servicing permits for retail establishments) shall take effect on passage.

10 (b) Sec. 7 shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

11 (c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.