

1 S.236

2 Introduced by Senators Clarkson and Westman

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; licensing; fourth-class licenses; manufacturer's

6 or rectifier's license; tasting rooms and retail shops; first-class

7 licensed locations at manufacturing facility

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow the

9 holder of a fourth-class license to serve customers larger total volumes of

10 alcoholic beverages at a tasting room or retail shop operated by the licensee.

11 This bill also proposes to allow manufacturers of vinous beverages to operate

12 not more than two first-class licensed establishments that are located at the

13 licensed manufacturing facility or on property that is owned by the licensee

14 and contiguous with the parcel of land on which the licensed manufacturing

15 facility is located.

16 An act relating to vinous beverage manufacturers and fourth-class licenses

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

18 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 224 is amended to read:

19 § 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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19 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 271 is amended to read:

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

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

### Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

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