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In the framework of the US 3-tier system, Vermont has 6 license types:

1. Tier 1 - Suppliers > requires a **MANUFACTURERS LICENSE**
 - *Annual cost: \$285/category*
2. Tier 2 - Distributors > requires a **DISTRIBUTORS LICENSE**
 - *Annual cost: \$1,245*
 - *Vermont being a Control State, the State is the distributor for Spirits*
3. Tier 3 - Retailers > 4 types of Licenses:
 - **CLASS 1** for bars & restaurants to sell & serve beer & wine by the glass
Annual cost: \$230
 - **CLASS 2** for retail stores
Annual cost: \$140
 - **CLASS 3** for bars & restaurants to sell & serve spirits in cocktails
Annual cost: \$1,095
 - **CLASS 4** so manufacturers can do sample tastings + sell unopened packages direct-to-consumers
Annual cost: \$70/location

2 Permit types supporting Manufacturers (Suppliers):

1. **SAMPLE EVENT PERMIT** - Required to:
 - Serve sample tastings at an event location not covered under another license
 - Sell their products in closed packages to go
 - Per event cost of \$35 | Allowed 4 per year - maximum span of 4 consecutive days
 - **REQUIRES** the prior approval of the municipality
2. **BEVERAGE TASTING PERMIT *** - Required to:
 - Serve sample tastings up to 8oz/person (no spirits) at a 2nd Class license location
 - NO direct to consumer sales are allowed under this permit
 - Per permit cost of \$25 | Allowed up to 48 per year - normally spans 2-3 hours
 - **DOES NOT REQUIRE** the approval of the municipality.

* This permit type is relevant to bill **H.832** (5 days to 1 business day)