

H.647

Introduced by Representative Boyden of Cambridge

Referred to Committee on

Date:

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

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

licensed locations at manufacturing facility

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

facility is located.

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

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

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

§ 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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