

1 Introduced by Representative Boyden of Cambridge
2 Referred to Committee on
3 Date:
4 Subject: Alcoholic beverages, cannabis, and tobacco; licensing; retail licenses
5 and permits; tasting and event permits
6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize
7 licensed alcoholic beverage manufacturers, at not more than 10 fourth-class
8 license locations, to sell alcoholic beverages produced by other manufacturers.
9 This bill also proposes to amend the application requirements for retail
10 alcoholic beverage tasting permits to allow a licensee to submit the application
11 and fee at least one day before the proposed date of the tasting event.

12 An act relating to fourth-class licenses and retail alcoholic beverage tasting
13 permits

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

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

16 § 224. FOURTH-CLASS LICENSES

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

1 by ~~no~~ not more than five additional manufacturers or rectifiers, provided these
2 beverages are purchased on invoice from the manufacturer or rectifier.

3 (2) A manufacturer or rectifier may sell its product to ~~no more than five~~
4 ~~additional~~ any Vermont manufacturers or rectifiers.

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6 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 255 is amended to read:

7 § 255. RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTING PERMITS

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

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

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15 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.