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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE  
LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, and Martin

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-6-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-6 entitled "Manufacturing  
2 and Wholesale Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-6-1. Manufacturer's license.** -- (a) A manufacturer's license authorizes the holder to  
4 establish and operate a brewery, distillery, or winery at the place described in the license for the  
5 manufacture of beverages within this state. The license does not authorize more than one of the  
6 activities of operator of a brewery or distillery or winery and a separate license shall be required  
7 for each plant.

8 (b) The license also authorizes the sale at wholesale at the licensed place by the  
9 manufacturer of the product of the licensed plant to another license holder and the transportation  
10 and delivery from the place of sale to a licensed place or to a common carrier for that delivery.  
11 The license does not authorize the sale of beverages for consumption on premises where sold.  
12 The license does not authorize the sale of beverages in this state for delivery outside this state in  
13 violation of the law of the place of delivery. The license holder may provide to visitors in  
14 conjunction with a tour and/or tasting, samples, clearly marked as samples, not to exceed three  
15 hundred seventy-five milliliters (375 ml) per visitor for distilled spirits and seventy-two ounces  
16 (72 oz) per visitor for malt beverages at the licensed plant by the manufacturer of the product of  
17 the licensed plant to visitors for off-premise consumption. The license does not authorize  
18 providing samples to a visitor of any alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption that are

1 [not manufactured at the licensed plant.](#)

2 (c) The annual fee for the license is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a distillery, five  
3 hundred dollars (\$500) for a brewery, and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a  
4 winery producing more than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per year and five hundred dollars  
5 (\$500) per year for a winery producing less than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per year. All  
6 those fees are prorated to the year ending December 1 in every calendar year and shall be paid to  
7 the division of taxation and be turned over to the general treasurer for the use of the state.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would permit holders of manufacturer's licenses to provide visitors to the
- 2 licensed plant samples, clearly marked as samples, for off-premise consumption.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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