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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Nesselbush, DiPalma, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 3-6-1.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-6 entitled "Manufacturing  
2 and Wholesale Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **3-6-1.2. ~~Brewpub manufacturer's license~~ Brewpub and microbrewery**  
4 **manufacturer's license.** -- (a) A brewpub and microbrewery manufacturer's license shall  
5 authorize the holder to establish and operate a brewpub or microbrewery within this state. The  
6 brewpub and microbrewery manufacturer's license shall authorize the retail sale of the beverages  
7 manufactured on the location for consumption on the premises. The license shall not authorize the  
8 retail sale of beverages from any location other than the location set forth in the license. A  
9 brewpub or microbrewery may sell at retail alcoholic beverages produced on the premises by the  
10 half-gallon bottle known as a "growler" to consumers for off the premises consumption to be sold  
11 pursuant to the laws governing retail Class A establishments.

12           (b) The license shall also authorize the sale at wholesale at the licensed place by the  
13 manufacturer of the product of his or her licensed plant as well as beverages produced for the  
14 brewpub or microbrewery and sold under the brewpub's or microbrewery's name to a holder of a  
15 wholesaler's license and the transportation and delivery from the place of sale to the licensed  
16 wholesaler or to a common carrier for that delivery.

17           (c) The brewpub and microbrewery manufacturer's license further authorizes the sale of  
18 beverages manufactured on the premises to any person holding a valid wholesaler's and importer's  
19 license under section 3-6-9 or 3-6-11.

1 (d) The annual fee for the license is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a brewpub [or](#)  
2 [microbrewery](#) producing more than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per year and five hundred  
3 dollars (\$500) per year for a brewpub [or microbrewery](#) producing less than fifty thousand  
4 (50,000) gallons per year. The annual fee is prorated to the year ending December 1 in every  
5 calendar year and paid to the division of taxation and turned over to the general treasurer for the  
6 use of the state.

7 SECTION 2. Section 3-7-7.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
8 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 **3-7-7.2. ~~Manufacturer's brewpub license -- Class B-M~~ Manufacturer's brewpub and**  
10 **microbrewery license -- Class B-M. --** (a) A manufacturer's brewpub [and microbrewery](#) Class  
11 B-M license shall be issued only to a holder of a manufacturer's license as described in section 3-  
12 6-1. The license shall not authorize the retail sale of beverages from any location other than at the  
13 location stated in the manufacturer's license for the manufacture of beverages.

14 (b) The license shall not authorize the retail sale of beverages from any location other  
15 than as provided in section 3-6-1.2.

16 (c) The holder of a license issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not be  
17 otherwise barred from application for a Class B license, where permitted by local licensing  
18 authorities.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would establish a microbrewery manufacturer's license authorizing the holder to
- 2   establish and operate a microbrewery within the state.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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