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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Ciccone, Raptakis, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 3-7-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **3-7-22. Manufacturer's or wholesaler's interest in retailer.** – (a) Except as otherwise  
4 provided, it shall be unlawful for any holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's license to have  
5 any direct or indirect interest in any retailer's license or in the business carried on under a  
6 retailer's license. If by operation of law the holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's license  
7 acquires an interest in a retailer's license, or in the business carried on under a retailer's license, he  
8 or she shall within thirty (30) days after acquiring that interest report the interest to the  
9 department and shall dispose of that interest in accordance with the directions of the department.  
10 Any person willfully violating the provisions of this section shall forfeit his or her manufacturer's  
11 license and his or her interest in the retailer's license.

12           **(b) Notwithstanding any rule or regulation or general law or public law to the contrary,**  
13 **the holder of a license issued pursuant to section 3-6-1.1, et seq. may have a direct or indirect**  
14 **interest in a retailer's license or in the business carried on under a retailer's license; provided, that**  
15 **the holder, when permitted by law, does not exclude any competitor's brand of alcoholic**  
16 **beverages from its retail operations.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow any license holder licensed under section 3-6-1.1 to have an interest  
2 in a retailer's license.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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