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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE
LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Casey, Barros, Tanzi, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: April 27, 2016

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 3-6-1 and 3-6-1.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-6 entitled
2 "Manufacturing and Wholesale Licenses" are 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 provided that the manufacturer does not sell an amount in excess of seventy-two ounces (72 oz)
13 per visitor per day for consumption on the premises. The license also authorizes the sale of
14 beverages produced on the premises in an amount not in excess of two hundred eighty-eight
15 ounces (288 oz), per visitor per day, to be sold in bottles known as "growlers" that may hold no
16 more than seventy-two ounces (72 oz) each. These beverages may be sold to the consumers for
17 off-premise consumption, and shall be sold pursuant to the laws governing retail Class A
18 establishments. The sale of beverages for off-premises consumption shall be sealed in growlers.

1 The license does not authorize the sale of beverages in this state for delivery outside this state in
2 violation of the law of the place of delivery. The license holder may provide to visitors in
3 conjunction with a tour and/or tasting, samples, clearly marked as samples, not to exceed three
4 hundred seventy-five milliliters (375 ml) per visitor for distilled spirits and seventy-two ounces
5 (72 oz) per visitor for malt beverages at the licensed plant by the manufacturer of the product of
6 the licensed plant to visitors for off-premise consumption. The license does not authorize
7 providing samples to a visitor of any alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption that are
8 not manufactured at the licensed plant.

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

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit holders of a manufacture's license to sell at retail alcoholic
2 beverages manufactured by them known for on-site and off-site consumption and also authorizes
3 the holder to sell up to four (4) growlers per visitor per day. A growler would hold up to seventy-
4 two ounces (72 oz) of a beverage for consumers.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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