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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: Senators Algieri, Morgan, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 10, 2016

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(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 manufacturer's license shall authorize the retail sale of the beverages
9 manufactured on the location for consumption on the premises, and furthermore authorizes the
10 sale at retail of alcoholic beverages produced on the premises by the half-gallon known as a
11 "growler" to consumers for off-premises consumption to be sold pursuant to the laws governing
12 retail Class A establishments. The manufacturer's license also authorizes the sale at wholesale at
13 the licensed place by the manufacturer of the product of the licensed plant to another license
14 holder and the transportation and delivery from the place of sale to a licensed place or to a
15 common carrier for that delivery. ~~The license does not authorize the sale of beverages for~~
16 ~~consumption on premises where sold.~~ The license does not authorize the sale of beverages in this
17 state for delivery outside this state in violation of the law of the place of delivery. The license
18 holder may provide to visitors in conjunction with a tour and/or tasting, samples, clearly marked

1 as samples, not to exceed three hundred seventy-five milliliters (375 ml) per visitor for distilled
2 spirits and seventy-two ounces (72 oz) per visitor for malt beverages at the licensed plant by the
3 manufacturer of the product of the licensed plant to visitors for off-premise consumption. The
4 license does not authorize providing samples to a visitor of any alcoholic beverages for off-
5 premise consumption that are not manufactured at the licensed plant.

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

12 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 manufacturer's license to sell at retail alcoholic
- 2 beverages manufactured on their location for on-site and off-site consumption.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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