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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 Sosnowski, Algieri, Satchell, Goodwin, and Morgan

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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 provided that the manufacturer does not sell an amount in excess of thirty-six ounces (36 oz) of  
13 malt beverage and four and one-half ounces (4.5 oz) of distilled spirits per visitor per day, for  
14 consumption on the premises. The license also authorizes the sale of beverages produced on the  
15 premises in an amount not in excess of two hundred eighty-eight ounces (288 oz) of malt  
16 beverages, and seven hundred fifty milliliters (750 ml) of distilled spirits per visitor per day, to be  
17 sold in containers that may hold no more than seventy-two ounces (72 oz) each. These beverages  
18 may be sold to the consumers for off-premise consumption, and shall be sold pursuant to the laws

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

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

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

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1           This act would allow the holder of an alcoholic beverage manufacturer license to sell a  
2 limited amount of malt beverages and distilled spirits for consumption on and off the licensed  
3 premises.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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