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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE
LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Burke, and
Lawson

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

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.**

4 (a) A manufacturer's license authorizes the holder to establish and operate a brewery,
5 distillery, or winery at the place described in the license for the manufacture of beverages within
6 this state. The license does not authorize more than one of the activities of operator of a brewery or
7 distillery or winery and a separate license shall be required 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. The
11 license does authorize the sale of beverages for consumption on premises where sold; provided that
12 the manufacturer does not sell an amount in excess of forty-eight ounces (48 oz.) of malt beverage
13 or four and one-half ounces (4.5 oz.) of distilled spirits per visitor, per day, or a combination not
14 greater than three (3) drinks where a drink is defined as up to sixteen ounces (16 oz.) of beer or one
15 and one-half ounces (1.5 oz.) of spirits, for consumption on the premises. The license also
16 authorizes the sale of beverages produced on the premises in an amount not in excess of forty-eight
17 (48) twelve-ounce (12 oz.) bottles or cans or forty-eight (48) sixteen-ounce (16 oz.) bottles or cans
18 of malt beverages, or one one-sixth (1/6) barrel keg of malt beverage, or one thousand five hundred

1 milliliters (1,500 ml) of distilled spirits per visitor, per day, to be sold in containers that may hold
2 no more than seventy-two ounces (72 oz.) each. These beverages may be sold to the consumers for
3 off-premises consumption, and shall be sold pursuant to the laws governing retail Class A
4 establishments. The containers for the sale of beverages for off-premises consumption shall be
5 sealed. The license does not authorize the sale of beverages in this state for delivery outside this
6 state in violation of the law of the place of delivery. The license holder may provide to visitors, in
7 conjunction with a tour or tasting, samples, clearly marked as samples, not to exceed three hundred
8 seventy-five milliliters (375 ml) per visitor for distilled spirits and seventy-two ounces (72 oz.) per
9 visitor for malt beverages at the licensed plant by the manufacturer of the product of the licensed
10 plant to visitors for off-premises consumption. The license does not authorize providing samples
11 to a visitor of any alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption that are not manufactured at
12 the licensed plant. All manufacturer licenses conducting retail sales or providing samples shall be
13 subject to compliance with alcohol server training and liquor liability insurance requirements set
14 forth in §§ 3-7-6.1 and 3-7-29 and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

15 (c) The annual fee for the license is three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a distillery
16 producing more than fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gal.) per year and five hundred dollars (\$500)
17 for a distillery producing less than or equal to fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gal.) per year; five
18 hundred dollars (\$500) for a brewery; and one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for a winery
19 producing more than fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gal.) per year and five hundred dollars (\$500)
20 per year for a winery producing less than fifty thousand gallons (50,000 gal.) per year. All those
21 fees are prorated to the year ending December 1 in every calendar year and shall be paid to the
22 general treasurer for the use of the state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to sell one one-
- 2 sixth (1/6) barrel keg of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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