
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 186—ASSEMBLYMEN SEAMAN, DICKMAN,
FIORE, SILBERKRAUS, TITUS; DOOLING, GARDNER, JONES,
MOORE, O’NEILL, SHELTON, STEWART AND WHEELER

FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing craft distilleries.
(BDR 52-854)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to craft distilleries; increasing the quantity of spirits a craft distillery may export to another state; allowing a craft distillery to serve samples of and sell its spirits at one other location in addition to the craft distillery; increasing the quantity of spirits that a craft distillery may sell at retail for consumption off the premises; allowing a craft distillery to donate and transport spirits for charitable or nonprofit purposes under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law allows a person, subject to certain conditions, to operate a craft
2 distillery and to sell and transport in any calendar year in this State not more than
3 10,000 cases of spirits to a wholesale dealer of liquor and to manufacture for
4 exportation to another state in any calendar year not more than 20,000 cases of
5 spirits. A craft distillery may also serve samples of and sell the spirits manufactured
6 at the craft distillery on the premises of the craft distillery. (NRS 597.235) This bill
7 increases the quantity of spirits which a craft distillery may export to another state to
8 40,000 cases of spirits. This bill also allows a craft distillery to serve samples of or
9 sell the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery at one other location in addition to
10 the premises of the craft distillery itself, and increases the quantity of spirits that may
11 be sold at retail for off-premises consumption from 2 bottles per month to 2 cases of
12 spirits per product, per month. Finally, this bill authorizes a craft distillery to donate
13 and transport spirits manufactured at the craft distillery for charitable or nonprofit
14 purposes in accordance with the terms and conditions of a special permit for the
15 transportation of spirits obtained from the Department of Taxation.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 597.235 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 597.235 1. A person may operate a craft distillery if the
3 person:
4 (a) Obtains a license for the facility pursuant to chapter 369 of
5 NRS;
6 (b) Complies with the requirements of this chapter; and
7 (c) Complies with any other applicable governmental
8 requirements.
9 2. A person who operates a craft distillery pursuant to this
10 section may:
11 (a) In addition to manufacturing spirits from agricultural raw
12 materials through distillation, blend, age, store and bottle the spirits
13 so manufactured. The person operating the craft distillery shall
14 ensure that none of the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery are
15 derived from neutral or distilled spirits manufactured by another
16 manufacturer.
17 (b) ~~§§~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (f), in* any
18 calendar year, sell and transport in Nevada not more than a
19 combined total of 10,000 cases of spirits at all the craft distilleries
20 the person operates to a person who holds a license to engage in
21 business as a wholesale dealer of liquor pursuant to chapter 369 of
22 NRS.
23 (c) In any calendar year, ~~manufacture for exportation~~ *export* to
24 another state, not more than a combined total of ~~20,000~~ *40,000*
25 cases of spirits at all the craft distilleries the person operates.
26 (d) On the premises of the craft distillery ~~§~~ *and at one other*
27 *location, including, without limitation, a farmers' market, festival,*
28 *sporting event or other special activity or event,* serve samples of
29 the spirits manufactured at the craft distillery. Any such samples
30 must not exceed, *per product,* per person, per day, 2 fluid ounces in
31 volume.
32 (e) On the premises of the craft distillery ~~§~~ *and at one other*
33 *location, including, without limitation, a farmers' market, festival,*
34 *sporting event or other special activity or event,* sell the spirits
35 manufactured at the craft distillery at retail for consumption on or
36 off the premises ~~§~~ *of the distillery or other location.* Any such
37 spirits sold at retail for off-premises consumption must not exceed,
38 *per product,* per person, per month, 2 ~~bottles~~ *cases* of spirits.
39 Spirits purchased on the premises of a craft distillery *or at another*
40 *location* must not be resold by the purchaser or any retail liquor
41 store.



1 (f) *Donate for charitable or nonprofit purposes and transport*
2 *spirits manufactured at the craft distillery in accordance with the*
3 *terms and conditions of a special permit for the transportation of*
4 *the spirits obtained from the Department of Taxation pursuant to*
5 *subsection 4 of NRS 369.450.*

6 3. *Any samples of spirits manufactured at the craft distillery*
7 *which are served at another location pursuant to paragraph (d) or*
8 *any spirits which are sold at retail at another location pursuant to*
9 *paragraph (e) must be served or sold, as applicable, in accordance*
10 *with any other applicable statute, regulation, law or ordinance.*

11 4. As used in this section ~~f~~:

12 ~~(a) “Bottle”~~, “case of spirits” means ~~{a bottle}~~ 12 bottles of
13 *spirits, each* containing 750 milliliters of distilled spirits.

14 ~~{(b) “Case of spirits” means 12 bottles of spirits.}~~



