1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	HOUSE BILL 2855 By: Wallace of the House
5	and
6	Thompson (Roger) of the Senate
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9	AS INTRODUCED
10	An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending 37A
11	O.S. 2021, Sections 3-119, 3-120 and 3-121, which relate to business interests and acts prohibited for
12	manufacturers or brewers; modifying language; limiting prohibition to Oklahoma licensed
13	<pre>manufacturers or brewers; providing certain exception to ownership interests; prohibiting selling certain products with common currenchip interests; and</pre>
14	products with common ownership interests; and providing an effective date.
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 3-119, is
19	amended to read as follows:
20	Section 3-119. <u>A.</u> It shall be unlawful for any <u>Oklahoma</u>
21	$\underline{ ext{licensed}}$ manufacturer $_{m{ au}}$ $\underline{ ext{or}}$ $\underline{ ext{or}}$ $\underline{ ext{or}}$ any wine and spirits
22	wholesaler, beer distributor or person authorized to sell alcoholic
23	beverages to a wholesaler, or any employee, officer, director,
24	stockholder owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock, any

1 type of partner, manager, member or agent thereof, to directly or 2 indirectly:

1. Have any financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic beverage is sold at retail or in any business connected with the retailing of alcoholic beverages; provided, nothing in this act the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall prohibit the operation of a mixed beverage licensee, beer and wine licensee or caterer licensee by an entity which has common owners with the holder of a small brewer license or a brewpub license;

10 2. Lend any money or other thing of value, or to make any gift 11 or offer any gratuity, to any package store, retail wine, retail 12 beer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club 13 licensee or caterer;

14 3. Guarantee any loan or the repayment of any financial 15 obligation of any retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public 16 event or bottle club licensee or caterer;

4. Require any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer to purchase and dispose of any quota of alcoholic beverages, or to require any retailer to purchase any kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages in order to obtain any other kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages;

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5. Sell to any retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event <u>licensee</u> or caterer <u>licensee</u> any alcoholic beverage on consignment, or upon condition, or with the privilege of return, or on any condition other than a bona fide sale; provided, the following shall not be considered a violation of this paragraph:

- a. delivery in good faith, through mistake, inadvertence
 or oversight, of an alcoholic beverage that was not
 ordered by a retailer, mixed beverage licensee, onpremises beer and wine licensee, caterer, public event
 or special event licensee to such licensee,
- b. replacement of product breakage that occurred while
 the alcoholic beverages were in transit from the
 wholesaler to the licensee, or
- c. replacement of cork-tainted wine that makes the
 product unsaleable as long as the licensee notifies
 the wine and spirits wholesaler of the defect in
 writing within ninety (90) days after delivery of the
 product; or

Extend credit to any retailer, other than holders of Federal
Liquor Stamps on United States government reservations and
installations, mixed beverage, public event or on-premises beer and
wine licensee or caterer <u>licensee</u>, other than a state lodge located
in a county which has approved the retail sale of alcoholic

beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption. The acceptance of a postdated check or draft or the failure to deposit for collection a current check or draft by the second banking day after receipt shall be deemed an extension of credit. Violation of this section shall be grounds for suspension of the license.

B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the
holder of a Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was licensed and
permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises consumption until
the passage of State Question 792, Legislative Referendum No. 370,
on November 8, 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an
ownership interest in a manufacturer whose products are made outside
of this state, provided:

13 <u>1. This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in</u>
 14 <u>the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer,</u>
 15 or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and

16 <u>2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a</u> 17 <u>manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail</u>

18 locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned 19 manufacturer.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 3-120, is 21 amended to read as follows:

Section 3-120. <u>A.</u> No mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, public event or bottle club licensee, partner in any type of partnership, manager or member of a limited liability company,

1 officer, director or stockholder of any corporate licensee owning 2 more than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock shall have any right, title, lien, claim or interest, financial or otherwise in, upon or 3 4 to the premises, equipment, business or merchandise of any package 5 store, beer distributor, wholesaler, brewer, or Oklahoma licensed 6 manufacturer or wholesaler. The provisions of this section shall 7 not prohibit a person who is an officer or director of a fraternal or veteran's organization which is a tax exempt organization under 8 9 Section 501(c)(8), (10) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code and 10 which holds a license issued by the ABLE Commission from having a right, title, lien, claim or interest in the premises, equipment, 11 12 business or merchandise of a package store.

13 B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the 14 holder of a Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was licensed and 15 permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises consumption until 16 the passage of State Question 792, Legislative Referendum No. 370, 17 on November 8, 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an 18 ownership interest in a manufacturer whose products are made outside 19 of this state, provided: 20 1. This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in 21 the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer, 22 or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and 23 2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a 24 manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail

1 locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned 2 manufacturer.

3 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 3-121, is 4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 3-121. A. No Oklahoma licensed manufacturer, or 6 brewer, or any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, 7 partner in any type of partnership, manager or member of a limited liability company, or officer, director or stockholder of any 8 9 nonresident seller, brewer, or manufacturer licensee, owning more 10 than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock shall have any right, title, 11 claim or interest, financial or otherwise in, upon or to the 12 premises, equipment, business or merchandise of any mixed beverage, 13 beer and wine, caterer, public event or bottle club licensee.

14 B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the 15 holder of a Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was licensed and 16 permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises consumption until 17 the passage of State Question 792, Legislative Referendum No. 370, 18 on November 8, 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an 19 ownership interest in a manufacturer whose products are made outside 20 of this state, provided: 21 This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in 1. 22 the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer,

- 23 or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and
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1	2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a
2	manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail
3	locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned
4	manufacturer.
5	SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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7	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 03/02/2023 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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