

1 S.164

2 Introduced by Senator Benning

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; licensing; financial interests

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit a
7 manufacturer of beer to operate a restaurant or a bar, which serves beer brewed
8 by the manufacturer, at a location other than the manufacturer's premises.

9 An act relating to sales of malt beverages by manufacturers

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

12 § 2. DEFINITIONS

13 The following words as used in this title, unless a contrary meaning is
14 required by the context, shall have the following meaning:

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16 (15) "Manufacturer's or rectifier's license": a license granted by the
17 Liquor Control Board that permits the holder to manufacture or rectify spirits
18 or fortified wines for export and sale to the Liquor Control Board, or malt
19 beverages and vinous beverages for export and sale to bottlers or wholesale
20 dealers. This license permits a manufacturer of vinous beverages or fortified

1 wines to receive from another manufacturer licensed in or outside this State
2 bulk shipments of vinous beverages to rectify with the licensee's own product,
3 provided that the vinous beverages or fortified wines produced by a Vermont
4 manufacturer may contain no more than 25 percent imported vinous beverage.
5 The Liquor Control Board may grant to a licensed manufacturer or rectifier of
6 spirits, fortified wines, vinous beverages, or malt beverages a first-class
7 restaurant or cabaret license or a first- and a third-class restaurant or cabaret
8 license permitting the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the public ~~only at~~
9 ~~the manufacturer's premises, which for the purposes of a manufacturer of malt~~
10 ~~beverages, includes up to two licensed establishments that are located on the~~
11 ~~contiguous real estate of the holder of the manufacturer's license~~ at up to two
12 licensed establishments, which may be located at the manufacturer's or
13 rectifier's premises or at a location separate from the manufacturer's or
14 rectifier's premises, provided the manufacturer or rectifier owns or has direct
15 control over ~~those~~ the licensed establishments. ~~A manufacturer of malt~~
16 ~~beverages who also holds a first class restaurant or cabaret license may serve~~
17 ~~to a customer malt beverage by the glass, not to exceed eight glasses at one~~
18 ~~time and not to exceed four ounces in each glass.~~ The Liquor Control Board
19 may grant to a licensed manufacturer or ~~a~~ rectifier of malt beverages a
20 second-class license permitting the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages to the
21 public anywhere on the manufacturer's or rectifier's premises. A licensed

1 manufacturer or rectifier of vinous beverages may serve, with or without
2 charge, at an event held on premises of the licensee or the vineyard property,
3 spirits, fortified wines, vinous beverages, and malt beverages, provided the
4 licensee gives the Department written notice of the event, including details
5 required by the Department, at least five days before the event. Any beverages
6 not manufactured by the licensee and served at the event shall be purchased on
7 invoice from a licensed manufacturer or wholesale dealer or the Liquor Control
8 Board.

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.