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Sponsored by: Senator JAMES BEACH District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

Allows certain breweries to operate off-premises retail salesrooms; permits breweries and wineries to operate joint salesrooms.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverage licenses and amending
 R.S.33:1-10.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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1. R.S.33:1-10 is amended to read as follows:

8 33:1-10. Class A licenses shall be subdivided and classified as9 follows:

10 Plenary brewery license. 1a. The holder of this license shall be 11 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic 12 beverages and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and 13 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and 14 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of 15 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a 16 warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of this product by 17 the holder of this license to retailers licensed under this title shall be 18 from inventory in a warehouse located in this State which is 19 operated under a plenary brewery license. The fee for this license 20 shall be \$10,625.

21 Limited brewery license. 1b. The holder of this license shall be 22 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt alcoholic 23 beverages in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent 24 upon the following fees and not in excess of 300,000 barrels of 31 25 fluid gallons capacity per year and to sell and distribute this product 26 to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this 27 chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons 28 pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and 29 to maintain a warehouse; provided, however, that the delivery of 30 this product by the holder of this license to retailers licensed under 31 this title shall be from inventory in a warehouse located in this State 32 which is operated under a limited brewery license. The holder of 33 this license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to 34 consumers on the licensed premises of the brewery for consumption 35 on the premises, but only in connection with a tour of the brewery, 36 or for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than 37 15.5 fluid gallons per person, and to offer samples for sampling 38 purposes only pursuant to an annual permit issued by the director.

39 <u>The holder of this license shall be entitled to sell the brewery's</u> 40 products in original packages or open containers at retail to 41 consumers in 15 salesrooms apart from the brewery premises for 42 consumption on or off the premises, at a fee of \$250 for each 43 salesroom. The holder of this license shall not jointly control and 44 operate a salesroom with the holder of another limited brewery 45 license, but shall be entitled to operate a salesroom on the same

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced** brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

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premises as a holder of a plenary retail winery license, farm winery
 license, or out-of-State winery license.

The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a restaurant on the licensed premises.

5 The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows:

to so brew not more than 50,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallonscapacity per annum, \$1,250;

8 to so brew not more than 100,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons
9 capacity per annum, \$2,500;

to so brew not more than 200,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallonscapacity per annum, \$5,000;

to so brew not more than 300,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallonscapacity per annum, \$7,500.

For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage. For the purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt alcoholic beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under this subsection.

20 Restricted brewery license. 1c. The holder of this license shall 21 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to brew any malt 22 alcoholic beverages in a quantity to be expressed in such license not 23 in excess of 10,000 barrels of 31 gallons capacity per year. 24 Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.33:1-26, the director shall 25 issue a restricted brewery license only to a person or an entity 26 which has identical ownership to an entity which holds a plenary 27 retail consumption license issued pursuant to R.S.33:1-12, provided 28 that such plenary retail consumption license is operated in 29 conjunction with a restaurant regularly and principally used for the 30 purpose of providing meals to its customers and having adequate 31 kitchen and dining room facilities, and that the licensed restaurant 32 premises is immediately adjoining the premises licensed under this 33 subsection. The holder of this license shall be entitled to sell or 34 deliver the product to that restaurant premises. The holder of this 35 license also shall be entitled to sell and distribute the product to 36 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter. The fee for 37 this license shall be \$1,250, which fee shall entitle the holder to 38 brew up to 1,000 barrels of 31 liquid gallons per annum. The 39 licensee also shall pay an additional \$250 for every additional 1,000 40 barrels of 31 fluid gallons produced. The fee shall be paid at the 41 time of application for the license, and additional payments based 42 on barrels produced shall be paid within 60 days following the 43 expiration of the license term upon certification by the licensee of 44 the actual gallons brewed during the license term. No more than 10 45 restricted brewery licenses shall be issued to a person or entity 46 which holds an interest in a plenary retail consumption license. If 47 the governing body of the municipality in which the licensed 48 premises will be located should file a written objection, the director

1 shall hold a hearing and may issue the license only if the director 2 finds that the issuance of the license will not be contrary to the 3 public interest. All fees related to the issuance of both licenses shall 4 be paid in accordance with statutory law. The provisions of this 5 subsection shall not be construed to limit or restrict the rights and 6 privileges granted by the plenary retail consumption license held by 7 the holder of the restricted brewery license issued pursuant to this 8 subsection.

9 The holder of this license shall be entitled to offer samples of its 10 product for promotional purposes at charitable or civic events off 11 the licensed premises pursuant to an annual permit issued by the 12 director.

For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding four ounces of any malt alcoholic beverage product. For the purposes of this subsection, "product" means any malt alcoholic beverage that is produced on the premises licensed under this subsection.

19 Plenary winery license. 2a. Provided that the holder is engaged 20 in growing and cultivating grapes or fruit used in the production of 21 wine on at least three acres on, or adjacent to, the winery premises, 22 the holder of this license shall be entitled, subject to rules and 23 regulations, to produce any fermented wines, and to blend, fortify 24 and treat wines, and to sell and distribute his products to 25 wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter and to 26 churches for religious purposes, and to sell and distribute without 27 this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such 28 sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse, and to sell his 29 products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises of the 30 winery for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples 31 for sampling purposes only. The fee for this license shall be \$938. 32 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000 33 gallons per year shall also have the right to sell and distribute his 34 products to retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, except 35 that the holder of this license shall not use a common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional privilege shall be 36 37 graduated as follows: a licensee who manufactures more than 38 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of 250,000 gallons per annum, 39 \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures more than 100,000 gallons, 40 but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per annum, \$500; a licensee 41 who manufactures more than 50,000 gallons, but not in excess of 42 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a licensee who manufactures 43 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100.

A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000 gallons per year shall have the right to sell [such] wine at retail in original packages <u>or open containers</u> in 15 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption on or off the premises and for sampling purposes for consumption on the premises, at a fee of

1 \$250 for each salesroom. [Licensees] The holder of this license 2 shall not jointly control and operate [salesrooms] a salesroom with 3 the holder of a winery license, but shall be entitled to operate a 4 operate a salesroom on the same premises as a holder of a limited 5 brewery license. 6 Additionally, the holder of this license who produces not more 7 than 250,000 gallons per year may ship not more than 12 cases of 8 wine per year, subject to regulation, to any person within or without 9 this State over 21 years of age for personal consumption and not for 10 resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. 11 A copy of the original invoice shall be available for inspection by 12 persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this 13 State for a minimum period of three years at the licensed premises 14 of the winery. For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" 15 means the selling at a nominal charge or the gratuitous offering of 16 an open container not exceeding one and one-half ounces of any

17 wine.

18 A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000 19 gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold, 20 either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces 21 more than 250,000 gallons per year. In addition, a holder of this 22 license who produces more than 250,000 gallons per year shall not 23 own, either in whole or in part, or hold, either directly or indirectly, 24 any interest in a winery that produces not more than 250,000 25 gallons per year. For the purposes of this subsection, "product" 26 means any wine that is produced, blended, fortified, or treated by 27 the licensee on its licensed premises situated in the State of New Jersey. For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include 28 29 "hard cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

30 The holder of this license shall Farm winery license. 2b. 31 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any 32 fermented wines and fruit juices in a quantity to be expressed in 33 said license, dependent upon the following fees and not in excess of 34 50,000 gallons per year and to sell and distribute his products to 35 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter 36 and to churches for religious purposes and to sell and distribute 37 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places 38 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse and to 39 sell at retail to consumers for consumption on or off the licensed 40 premises and to offer samples for sampling purposes only. The 41 license shall be issued only when the winery at which such 42 fermented wines and fruit juices are manufactured is located and 43 constructed upon a tract of land exclusively under the control of the 44 licensee, provided that the licensee is actively engaged in growing 45 and cultivating an area of not less than three acres on or adjacent to 46 the winery premises and on which are growing grape vines or fruit 47 to be processed into wine or fruit juice; and provided, further, that 48 for the first five years of the operation of the winery such fermented

1 wines and fruit juices shall be manufactured from at least 51 2 percent grapes or fruit grown in the State and that thereafter they 3 shall be manufactured from grapes or fruit grown in this State at 4 least to the extent required for labeling as "New Jersey Wine" under 5 the applicable federal laws and regulations. The containers of all 6 wine sold to consumers by such licensee shall have affixed a label 7 stating such information as shall be required by the rules and 8 regulations of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage 9 Control. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows: to so 10 manufacture between 30,000 and 50,000 gallons per annum, \$375; 11 to so manufacture between 2,500 and 30,000 gallons per annum, 12 \$250; to so manufacture between 1,000 and 2,500 gallons per 13 annum, \$125; to so manufacture less than 1,000 gallons per annum, 14 \$63. No farm winery license shall be held by the holder of a plenary 15 winery license or be situated on a premises licensed as a plenary 16 winery.

17 The holder of this license shall also have the right to sell and 18 distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance with this 19 chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use a 20 common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional 21 privilege shall be \$100.

22 The holder of this license shall have the right to sell [his] the 23 licensee's products in original packages or open containers at retail 24 to consumers in 15 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for 25 consumption on or off the premises, and for sampling purposes for 26 consumption on the premises, at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. 27 [Licensees] The holder of this license shall not jointly control and operate [salesrooms] a salesroom with the holder of a winery 28 29 license, but shall be entitled to operate a salesroom on the same 30 premises as a holder of a limited brewery license.

31 Additionally, the holder of this license may ship not more than 32 12 cases of wine per year, subject to regulation, to any person 33 within or without this State over 21 years of age for personal 34 consumption and not for resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a 35 maximum of nine liters. A copy of the original invoice shall be available for inspection by persons authorized to enforce the 36 37 alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a minimum period of three 38 years at the licensed premises of the winery. For the purposes of 39 this subsection, "sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or 40 the gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding one and 41 one-half ounces of any wine.

A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
more than 250,000 gallons per year.

46 Unless otherwise indicated, for the purposes of this subsection,
47 with respect to farm winery licenses, "manufacture" means the
48 vinification, aging, storage, blending, clarification, stabilization and

1 bottling of wine or juice from New Jersey fruit to the extent 2 required by this subsection.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard 4 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

5 Wine blending license. 2c. The holder of this license shall be 6 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to blend, treat, mix, and 7 bottle fermented wines and fruit juices with non-alcoholic 8 beverages, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and 9 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and 10 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of 11 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a 12 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be \$625.

13 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard 14 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

15 Instructional winemaking facility license. 2d. The holder of this 16 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to instruct 17 persons in and provide them with the opportunity to participate 18 directly in the process of winemaking and to directly assist such 19 persons in the process of winemaking while in the process of 20 instruction on the premises of the facility. The holder of this 21 license also shall be entitled to manufacture wine on the premises 22 not in excess of an amount of 10 percent of the wine produced 23 annually on the premises of the facility, which shall be used only to 24 replace quantities lost or discarded during the winemaking process, 25 to maintain a warehouse, and to offer samples produced by persons 26 who have received instruction in winemaking on the premises by 27 the licensee for sampling purposes only on the licensed premises for 28 the purpose of promoting winemaking for personal or household use 29 or consumption. Wine produced on the premises of an instructional 30 winemaking facility shall be used, consumed or disposed of on the 31 facility's premises or distributed from the facility's premises to a person who has participated directly in the process of winemaking 32 33 for the person's personal or household use or consumption. The 34 holder of this license may sell mercantile items traditionally 35 associated with winemaking and novelty wearing apparel identified 36 with the name of the establishment licensed under the provisions of 37 this section. The holder of this license may use the licensed 38 premises for an event or affair, including an event or affair at which 39 a plenary retail consumption licensee serves alcoholic beverages in 40 compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations promulgated 41 by the director. The fee for this license shall be \$1,000. For the purposes of this subsection, "sampling" means the gratuitous 42 43 offering of an open container not exceeding one and one-half 44 ounces of any wine.

45 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard 46 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

47 Out-of-State winery license. 2e. Provided that the applicant 48 does not produce more than 250,000 gallons of wine per year, the

1 holder of a valid winery license issued in any other state may make 2 application to the director for this license. The holder of this license shall have the right to sell and distribute [his] the licensee's 3 4 products to wholesalers licensed in accordance with this chapter and 5 to sell such wine at retail in original packages or open containers in 6 16 salesrooms apart from the winery premises for consumption on or off the premises at a fee of \$250 for each salesroom. 7 8 [Licensees] <u>The holder of this license</u> shall not jointly control and 9 operate [salesrooms] a salesroom with the holder of a winery 10 license, but shall be entitled to operate a salesroom on the same 11 premises as a holder of a limited brewery license.

12 The annual fee for this license shall be \$938. A copy of a 13 current license issued by another state shall accompany the 14 application. The holder of this license also shall have the right to 15 sell and distribute his products to retailers licensed in accordance 16 with this chapter, except that the holder of this license shall not use 17 a common carrier for such distribution. The fee for this additional 18 privilege shall be graduated as follows: a licensee who 19 manufactures more than 150,000 gallons, but not in excess of 20 250,000 gallons per annum, \$1,000; a licensee who manufactures 21 more than 100,000 gallons, but not in excess of 150,000 gallons per 22 annum, \$500; a licensee who manufactures more than 50,000 23 gallons, but not in excess of 100,000 gallons per annum, \$250; a 24 licensee who manufactures 50,000 gallons or less per annum, \$100. 25 Additionally, the holder of this license may ship not more than 12 26 cases of wine per year, subject to regulation, to any person within or 27 without this State over 21 years of age for personal consumption 28 and not for resale. A case of wine shall not exceed a maximum of 29 nine liters. A copy of the original invoice shall be available for 30 inspection by persons authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage 31 laws of this State for a minimum period of three years at the 32 licensed premises of the winery.

33 The licensee shall collect from the customer the tax due on the 34 sale pursuant to the "Sales and Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 35 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.) and shall pay the tax due on the delivery of alcoholic beverages pursuant to the "Alcoholic beverage tax law," 36 37 R.S.54:41-1 et seq. The Director of the Division of Taxation in the 38 Department of the Treasury shall promulgate such rules and 39 regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph, 40 and may provide by regulation for the co-administration of the tax 41 due on the delivery of alcoholic beverages pursuant to the "Alcoholic beverage tax law," R.S.54:41-1 et seq. with the 42 43 administration of the tax due on the sale pursuant to the "Sales and 44 Use Tax Act," P.L.1966, c.30 (C.54:32B-1 et seq.).

A holder of this license who produces not more than 250,000
gallons per year shall not own, either in whole or in part, or hold,
either directly or indirectly, any interest in a winery that produces
more than 250,000 gallons per year.

1 For the purposes of this subsection, "wine" shall include "hard 2 cider" and "mead" as defined in this section.

Cidery and meadery license. 2f. The holder of this license shall 3 4 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture hard 5 cider and mead and to sell and distribute these products to 6 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, 7 and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons pursuant 8 to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and to 9 maintain a warehouse. The holder of this license shall be entitled to 10 sell these products at retail to consumers on the licensed premises 11 for consumption on or off the premises and to offer samples for 12 sampling purposes only. The holder of this license shall be 13 permitted to offer for sale or make the gratuitous offering of 14 packaged crackers, chips, nuts, and similar snacks to consumers, but 15 shall not operate a restaurant on the licensed premises. The fee for 16 this license shall be \$938.

17 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture hard 18 cider in a quantity not to exceed 50,000 barrels of 31 fluid gallons 19 capacity per year. With respect to the sale and distribution of hard 20 cider to a wholesaler, the licensee shall be subject to the same 21 statutory and regulatory requirements as a brewer, and hard cider shall be considered a malt alcoholic beverage, for the purposes of 22 23 the "Malt Alcoholic Beverage Practices Act," P.L.2005, c.243 24 (C.33:1-93.12 et seq.). The holder of this license shall not directly 25 ship hard cider either within or without this State.

26 The holder of this license shall be entitled to manufacture not 27 more than 250,000 gallons of mead per year. The holder of this 28 license may ship not more than 12 cases of mead per year, subject 29 to regulation, to any person within or without this State over 21 30 years of age for personal consumption and not for resale. A case of 31 mead shall not exceed a maximum of nine liters. A copy of the 32 original invoice shall be available for inspection by persons 33 authorized to enforce the alcoholic beverage laws of this State for a 34 minimum period of three years at the licensed premises. As used in 35 this subsection:

36 "Hard cider" means a fermented alcoholic beverage derived 37 primarily from apples, pears, apple juice concentrate and water, or 38 pear juice concentrate and water, which may include spices, herbs, 39 honey, or other flavoring, and which contains at least one half of 40 one percent but less than eight and one half percent alcohol by 41 volume.

"Mead" means an alcoholic beverage primarily made from
honey, water, and yeast, and which may contain fruit, fruit juices,
spices, or herbs added before or after fermentation has completed,
except that the ratio of fermentable sugars from fruit or fruit juices
shall not exceed 49 percent of the total fermentable sugars used to
produce mead.

"Sampling" means the selling at a nominal charge or the
 gratuitous offering of an open container not exceeding four ounces
 of hard cider or mead produced on the licensed premises.

4 Plenary distillery license. 3a. The holder of this license shall be 5 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture any 6 distilled alcoholic beverages and rectify, blend, treat and mix, and 7 to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and retailers 8 licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute 9 without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places 10 of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The fee 11 for this license shall be \$12,500.

12 Limited distillery license. 3b. The holder of this license shall be 13 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture and bottle 14 any alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit juices and rectify, 15 blend, treat, mix, compound with wine and add necessary 16 sweetening and flavor to make cordial or liqueur, and to sell and 17 distribute to wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with 18 this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this State to any 19 persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale and 20 distribution and to warehouse these products. The fee for this 21 license shall be \$3,750.

Supplementary limited distillery license. 3c. The holder of this 22 23 license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle 24 and rebottle, in a quantity to be expressed in said license, dependent 25 upon the following fees, alcoholic beverages distilled from fruit 26 juices by such holder pursuant to a prior plenary or limited distillery 27 license, and to sell and distribute his products to wholesalers and 28 retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, and to sell and 29 distribute without this State to any persons pursuant to the laws of 30 the places of such sale and distribution, and to maintain a 31 warehouse. The fee for this license shall be graduated as follows: 32 to so bottle and rebottle not more than 5,000 wine gallons per 33 annum, \$313; to so bottle and rebottle not more than 10,000 wine 34 gallons per annum, \$625; to so bottle and rebottle without limit as 35 to amount, \$1,250.

36 Craft distillery license. 3d. The holder of this license shall be 37 entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to manufacture not more 38 than 20,000 gallons of distilled alcoholic beverages, to rectify, 39 blend, treat and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, to sell and 40 distribute this product to wholesalers and retailers licensed in 41 accordance with this chapter, and to sell and distribute without this 42 State to any persons pursuant to the laws of the places of such sale 43 and distribution, and to maintain a warehouse. The holder of this 44 license shall be entitled to sell this product at retail to consumers on 45 the licensed premises of the distillery for consumption on the 46 premises, but only in connection with a tour of the distillery, and 47 for consumption off the premises in a quantity of not more than five 48 liters per person. In addition, the holder of this license may offer

any person not more than three samples per calendar day for
sampling purposes only. For the purposes of this subsection,
"sampling" means the gratuitous offering of an open container not
exceeding one-half ounce serving of distilled alcoholic beverage
produced on the distillery premises. Nothing in this subsection shall
be deemed to permit the direct shipment of distilled spirits either
within or without this State.

8 The holder of this license shall not sell food or operate a 9 restaurant on the licensed premises. A holder of this license who 10 certifies that not less than 51 percent of the raw materials used in 11 the production of distilled alcoholic beverages under this section are 12 grown in this State or purchased from providers located in this State 13 may, consistent with all applicable federal laws and regulations, label these distilled alcoholic beverages as "New Jersey Distilled." 14 15 The fee for this license shall be \$938.

16 Rectifier and blender license. 4. The holder of this license shall 17 be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to rectify, blend, treat 18 and mix distilled alcoholic beverages, and to fortify, blend, and treat fermented alcoholic beverages, and prepare mixtures of 19 20 alcoholic beverages, and to sell and distribute his products to 21 wholesalers and retailers licensed in accordance with this chapter, 22 and to sell and distribute without this State to any persons pursuant 23 to the laws of the places of such sale and distribution, and to 24 maintain a warehouse. The fee for this license shall be \$7,500.

Bonded warehouse bottling license. 5. The holder of this license shall be entitled, subject to rules and regulations, to bottle alcoholic beverages in bond on behalf of all persons authorized by federal and State law and regulations to withdraw alcoholic beverages from bond. The fee for this license shall be \$625. This license shall be issued only to persons holding permits to operate Internal Revenue bonded warehouses pursuant to the laws of the United States.

The provisions of section 21 of P.L.2003, c.117 amendatory of this section shall apply to licenses issued or transferred on or after July 1, 2003, and to license renewals commencing on or after July 1, 2003.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

36 (cf: P.L.2017, c.80, s.1)

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STATEMENT

This bill allows the holder of a limited brewery license to operate up to 15 salesrooms apart from the brewery premises. Under current law, only wineries that produce 250,000 gallons or less per year have this privilege.

47 Under the bill, limited breweries would be allowed to sell their48 products in original containers or open containers for consumption

on the salesroom premises. In addition, the bill allows wineries to
sell their products in open containers on the salesroom premises.
Under current law, wineries that operate salesrooms are permitted
to offer one and one-half ounce samples and sell their products in
original containers for on-premises consumption, but are prohibited
from selling wine in open containers.

7 The bill also allows the holder of a limited brewery license and 8 the holder of a winery license who produces 250,000 gallons or less 9 to jointly operate a salesroom on the same premises. Current law 10 prohibits wineries from jointly operating salesrooms with other 11 licensees on the same premises. Under the bill, breweries would be 12 prohibited from jointly operating salesrooms with other breweries; 13 wineries would be prohibited from jointly operating salesrooms 14 with other wineries.