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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1272

5 By: Representative G. Hodges  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING PRODUCTION  
9 CAPACITIES OF MICROBREWERY RESTAURANTS; TO ALLOW  
10 TRANSPORTATION OF IN-HOUSE PRODUCTS BETWEEN COMMONLY  
11 OWNED MICROBWERIES AND BREWERIES THAT OWN  
12 MICROBWERIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-5-1204(a), concerning licenses for  
27 microbrewery restaurants, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division may issue  
29 a microbrewery-restaurant license which shall authorize the licensee to do  
30 the following:

31 (1)(A) To:

32 (i) Operate a microbrewery which *shall* manufacture  
33 one (1) or more varieties of beer, malt beverage, or hard cider in an  
34 aggregate quantity not to exceed ~~twenty thousand (20,000)~~ forty-five thousand  
35 thousand (45,000) barrels per year from all facilities under common ownership  
36 with the microbrewery; and



1 (ii) Store the manufactured beer, malt beverage, or  
2 hard cider and any other beer, malt beverage, or hard cider which the  
3 microbrewery-restaurant licensee may purchase from wholesalers and small  
4 brewers licensed by this state on the microbrewery-restaurant licensed  
5 premises and on the premises of the one (1) separate brewing facility of a  
6 microbrewery-restaurant authorized under subdivision (a)(9) of this section.

7 (B) Two (2) or more microbrewery-restaurants sharing  
8 common ownership or a brewery of any size sharing common ownership with a  
9 microbrewery-restaurant shall be considered one (1) entity for purposes of;  
10 (i) calculating Calculating barrel production; and  
11 (ii) Transportation of beer, malt beverage, or hard  
12 cider produced by one (1) entity among no more than three (3) microbrewery-  
13 restaurant facilities of the one (1) entity;

14 (2) To operate a restaurant which shall be the sales outlet for  
15 beer, malt beverage, or hard cider manufactured by the microbrewery and which  
16 shall sell the beer, malt beverage, or hard cider and any other beer, malt  
17 beverage, hard cider, or wine which the microbrewery-restaurant licensee may  
18 purchase from wholesalers licensed by this state for consumption on the  
19 licensed premises or purchased directly from licensed small brewers allowed  
20 to distribute directly to the microbrewery-restaurant;

21 (3)(A) To sell on the premises beer, malt beverage, or hard  
22 cider manufactured by the microbrewery or commonly owned facility in brewery-  
23 sealed packages at retail directly to the consumer for off-premises  
24 consumption on any day of the week; and

25 (B) To serve on the premises complimentary samples of  
26 beer, malt beverages, or hard cider produced by the microbrewery-restaurant;

27 (4)(A) To provide products it manufactures to charitable or  
28 nonprofit organizations or sell for resale products it manufactures to  
29 charitable or nonprofit organizations holding valid special-event permits as  
30 provided for by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, except that the  
31 microbrewery-restaurant licensee may not sell to nonprofit organizations  
32 holding private club licenses.

33 (B) The sale of those products shall be limited to the  
34 duration of the particular special event;

35 (5) To sell beer, malt beverages, or hard cider manufactured by  
36 the microbrewery-restaurant to a nonprofit corporation leasing space in the

1 microbrewery-restaurant or in an adjoining building;

2 (6)(A) To sell at retail by the drink or by the package beer  
3 produced on the premises of the microbrewery-restaurant if all sales occur in  
4 a wet territory and at fairs and food and beer festivals, with the permission  
5 and the consent of the management of events.

6 (B) A sales and use tax permit is required for sales under  
7 this subdivision (a)(6);

8 (7) Sell beer, malt beverage, or hard cider of its own  
9 manufacture to a wholesale dealer licensed by this state for the purpose of  
10 resale to other retail license holders as set forth by §§ 3-4-605 and 3-5-  
11 101, dealing with wholesale distribution of beer, malt beverage, and hard  
12 cider; ~~and~~

13 (8)(A) Conduct beer-, malt beverage-, and hard cider-tasting  
14 events for educational or promotional purposes at any location in wet areas  
15 of this state if:

16 (i) A request for approval to conduct a beer-, malt  
17 beverage-, and hard cider-tasting event is received by the Alcoholic Beverage  
18 Control Division at least two (2) weeks before the event;

19 (ii) The request is approved by the division; and

20 (iii) Written notice is given by the division to the  
21 permit holder at least five (5) days before the event.

22 (B) Only beer, malt beverage, and hard cider produced by  
23 the microbrewery-restaurant shall be used for an event approved under this  
24 subdivision (a)(8);

25 (C) This subdivision (a)(8) does not authorize the  
26 conducting of a beer-, malt beverage-, and hard cider-tasting event at the  
27 one (1) separate brewing facility of a microbrewery-restaurant authorized  
28 under subdivision (a)(9) of this section; and

29 (9)(A) Maintain one (1) separate brewing facility for the  
30 production or storage of beer, malt liquor, or hard cider as needed to meet  
31 demand, except that each facility used by the microbrewery-restaurant  
32 licensee shall not in the aggregate produce more than forty-five thousand  
33 (45,000) barrels of beer, malt beverage, and hard cider per year; and

34 (B) Beer, malt beverage, and hard cider produced by a  
35 separate brewing facility of a microbrewery-restaurant licensee shall be:

36 (i) Sold to a licensed wholesaler; or

1 (ii) Transported:

2 (a) From the separate brewing facility to a  
3 microbrewery-restaurant commonly owned by the owner of the separate brewing  
4 facility for retail sale for consumption on or off the licensed premises; and

5 (b) To the separate brewing facility from a  
6 microbrewery-restaurant commonly owned by the owner of the separate brewing  
7 facility for storage, production, or packaging.

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9 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-5-1205 is amended to read as follows:

10 3-5-1205. Fees and taxes.

11 A microbrewery-restaurant licensee shall:

12 (1) Pay any applicable city or county license or permit fees and  
13 barrelage or taxes and shall pay a state licensing fee to the Alcoholic  
14 Beverage Control Division of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) per fiscal  
15 year to manufacture and sell its beer, malt beverages, and hard cider for  
16 consumption both on and off the premises and to sell any other beer, malt  
17 beverages, and hard cider purchased from a licensed wholesaler for  
18 consumption on the premises;

19 (2) Measure beer, malt beverages, and hard cider manufactured by  
20 the microbrewery, otherwise comply with applicable regulations respecting  
21 excise and enforcement tax determination of the beer, malt beverages, and  
22 hard cider, and pay any applicable bond or deposit and the amount of the  
23 state excise tax and enforcement tax to this state, but free from the fees  
24 and taxes provided in § 3-5-205, and as required by §§ 3-7-104 and 3-7-111;  
25 and

26 (3) Pay a tax at the rate of seven dollars fifty cents (\$7.50)  
27 per barrel, and proportionately for larger and smaller gallonages per barrel,  
28 on all beer, malt beverages, and hard cider in quantities of up to ~~twenty~~  
29 ~~thousand (20,000)~~ forty-five thousand (45,000) barrels per year produced and  
30 sold or offered for sale in the state.

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32 /s/G. Hodges

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