

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1763

Amendment Number: H3

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ARKANSAS DISTILLERIES; TO AUTHORIZE SELF-DISTRIBUTION; TO AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-STATE DIRECT TO CONSUMER SHIPMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Basic Change :

**Sponsors: Reps. Christiansen, Warren, Cozart, Haak, D. Garner, Rye, Tollett, and Penzo
Sens. L. Eads, C. Tucker, Hill, and G. Leding**

House Amendment No. 3 --- HB1763-H3 (engrossed 4/1/21) removes authorization for distillers or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to ship directly to consumers out of state where receipt is allowed.

House Amendment No. 2 --- HB1763-H2 (engrossed 3/29/21) removes language that allowed distillers or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to sell for off-premises consumption only in wet counties. HB1763-H2 allows distillers or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to sell their manufactured spirituous or vinous liquor on any day of the week and does not limit the sales to wet counties.

House Amendment No. 1 --- HB1763-H1 (engrossed 3/22/21) clarifies that distillers or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages may sell their manufactured spirituous or vinous liquors for off-premises consumption on any day of the week, but only as allowed by law in a wet county.

Original Bill --- HB1763 authorizes distillers or manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to sell, deliver, or transport alcoholic beverages to licensed retailers and to ship alcoholic beverages directly to consumers out of state where receipt is allowed. HB1763 imposes a limit on the sale, delivery, or transport to licensed retailers of no more than 15,000 nine-liter-equivalent cases or 35,667 gallons of spirituous liquors per year.

HB1763 contains an emergency clause and will become effective on the earliest of the following: (1) the date of its approval by the Governor; (2) if the Governor neither approves nor vetoes the bill, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or (3) if the Governor vetoes the bill, the date the last house overrides the veto.

Revenue Impact :

Revenue impact is unknown.

Taxpayer Impact :

Arkansas distilleries.

Resources Required :

None.

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Time Required :

Adequate time is allowed for implementation.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

None.