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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 562

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING A DISTILLER OR  
10 MANUFACTURER PERMIT; TO AUTHORIZE OFF-PREMISES SALES  
11 OF VINOUS LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION; TO AUTHORIZE ON-  
12 PREMISES SALES OF VINOUS LIQUOR BY THE DRINK; TO  
13 AUTHORIZE A VINOUS LIQUOR TASTING EVENT; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-602 is amended to read as follows:

29 3-4-602. Distillers or manufacturers.

30 (a) Any person may apply to the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage  
31 Control Division for a permit to manufacture, distill, import, transport,  
32 store, and sell to a wholesaler, jobber, or distributor spirituous, vinous  
33 (except small farm wines), or malt liquors to be used and sold for beverage  
34 purposes.

35 (b) The application shall be in writing and verified and shall set  
36 forth in detail such information concerning the applicant for the permit and



1 the premises to be used therefor as the director shall require.

2 (c) The application shall be accompanied by a certified check, cash,  
3 or postal money order for the amount required by this act for the permit.

4 (d) If the director ~~shall grant~~ grants the application, he or she  
5 shall issue a permit in such form as shall be determined by rules and  
6 regulations established by the director.

7 (e) The permit shall contain a description of the premises to be used  
8 by the applicant and in form and in substance shall be a permit to the person  
9 therein specifically designated to manufacture, distill, transport, and sell  
10 to a wholesaler, jobber, or distributor spirituous, vinous (except small farm  
11 wines), or malt liquors in or from the premises therein specifically  
12 authorized.

13 (f) No distiller or manufacturer shall sell or contract to sell any  
14 spirituous, vinous (except small farm wines), or malt liquors referred to  
15 herein to any wholesaler, distributor, or jobber, or to any other person who  
16 is not duly authorized under this act to receive, possess, transport,  
17 distribute, or sell those liquors.

18 (g) Under rules adopted by the director, a distiller or manufacturer  
19 may:

20 (1) Sell, deliver, or transport to wholesalers;

21 (2) Sell, deliver, or transport to rectifiers;

22 (3) Export out of the state;

23 (4) Sell for off-premises consumption spirituous or vinous  
24 liquors the distiller or manufacturer manufactures on any day of the week;

25 (5) Serve on the premises complimentary samples of liquors  
26 produced by the distiller or manufacturer;

27 (6) Sell at retail, by the drink or by the package, spirituous  
28 or vinous liquors produced on the premises of the distillery if all sales  
29 occur in a wet territory; and

30 (7) Sell for consumption on the premises of the manufacturer:

31 (A) Liquors produced by the manufacturer or liquors that  
32 the manufacturer may purchase from wholesalers licensed by the state;

33 (B) Wine;

34 (C) Beer; and

35 (D) Malt liquor.

36 (h)(1) For the privilege of distilling spirituous liquors or

1 manufacturing malt liquors, each person engaged in distilling spirituous  
2 liquors or manufacturing malt liquors shall pay an annual permit fee of three  
3 hundred dollars (\$300) for each manufacturing or distilling plant.

4 (2) For the privilege of manufacturing vinous liquors (except  
5 small farm wines), there is assessed and there shall be paid an annual permit  
6 fee of and by every person engaged therein. The permit fee shall be in the  
7 sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each ~~and every~~ manufacturing plant.

8 (3) However, for the privilege of distilling brandy or  
9 spirituous liquors for use only in the fortifying of native wines, which are  
10 wines manufactured from the juices of grapes, berries, and other fruits or  
11 vegetables grown in this state, there shall be collected an annual permit fee  
12 of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for each manufacturing or distilling  
13 plant.

14 (i) Liquors may be sold for on-premises sale or off-premises sale, or  
15 both, for consumption during all legal operating hours in which business is  
16 normally and legally conducted on the premises, if:

17 (1) The manufacturer provides tours through its facility; and

18 (2) Only sealed containers are removed from the premises.

19 (j)(1) A manufacturer may provide liquor it manufactures to charitable  
20 or nonprofit organizations or sell for resale liquor it manufactures to  
21 charitable or nonprofit organizations holding valid special event permits  
22 issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

23 (2) The sale of products under subdivision (j)(1) of this  
24 section is limited to the duration of the particular special event.

25 (k)(1) If approved by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division and if  
26 the division receives written notice at least five (5) days before the event,  
27 the division may authorize a distiller or manufacturer to conduct a  
28 spirituous or vinous liquor tasting event for educational or promotional  
29 purposes at any location in a wet area of this state.

30 (2)(A) Before an authorization is issued under subdivision  
31 (k)(1) of this section, the division shall receive written notice of the  
32 spirituous or vinous liquor tasting event at least two (2) weeks before the  
33 event.

34 (B) A spirituous or vinous liquor tasting event may be  
35 held under this subsection (k) in any facility licensed by the division in a  
36 wet area of this state.