



**AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "powdered alcohol" means molecularly encapsulated alcohol  
3 in powdered form that may be used in such form or reconstituted as  
4 an alcoholic beverage when mixed with water or other liquid.

5 (b) No person shall knowingly purchase, possess or sell powdered  
6 alcohol.

7 (c) Any person who knowingly purchases or possesses powdered  
8 alcohol in violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be fined one  
9 hundred dollars for the first offense, two hundred fifty dollars for the  
10 second offense and five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

11 (d) Any person who knowingly sells powdered alcohol in violation  
12 of subsection (b) of this section shall be fined two hundred fifty dollars  
13 for the first offense, five hundred dollars for the second offense and  
14 one thousand dollars for each subsequent offense.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
17 *1, 2015*):

18 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
19 section, such sale or dispensing or consumption or presence in glasses

20 in places operating under a bowling establishment permit shall be  
21 unlawful before [two p.m.] eleven a.m. on any day, except in that  
22 portion of the permit premises which is located in a separate room or  
23 rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment,  
24 is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times  
25 except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any  
26 alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a bowling  
27 establishment permit shall be served in containers such as, but not  
28 limited to, plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting  
29 or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under  
30 this subsection shall be permissible.

31 Sec. 3. Section 30-90a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

33 Any person sixteen years of age or over [age eighteen] may be  
34 employed by an employer holding a permit issued under this chapter,  
35 except that (1) any person fifteen years of age or older may be so  
36 employed by such an employer on premises operating under a grocery  
37 store beer permit, and (2) any person under the age of eighteen who is  
38 employed on any permit premises shall not serve or sell alcoholic  
39 liquor. A minor performing paid or volunteer services of an emergency  
40 nature shall be deemed to be an employee subject to the provisions of  
41 this section.

42 Sec. 4. Subsection (e) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
44 *1, 2015*):

45 (e) (1) A manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be in all  
46 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of  
47 operations of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled  
48 from grape products or other fruit products, including grappa and  
49 eau-de-vie. As used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or  
50 premises [,] that is located on a farm in the state in which wine is  
51 manufactured and sold.

52 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm  
53 winery, authorize (A) the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the  
54 premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such  
55 permit; (B) as to a manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand  
56 gallons of wine or less per year, the sale and shipment by the holder  
57 thereof to a retailer of wine manufactured by the farm winery  
58 permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen  
59 gallons per container; (C) the sale and shipment by the holder thereof  
60 of wine manufactured by the farm winery permittee to persons outside  
61 the state; (D) the offering and tasting of free samples of such wine or  
62 brandy, dispensed out of bottles or containers having capacities of not  
63 more than two gallons per bottle or container, to visitors and  
64 prospective retail customers for consumption on the premises of the  
65 farm winery permittee; (E) the sale at retail from the premises of sealed  
66 bottles or other sealed containers of such wine or brandy for  
67 consumption off the premises; (F) the sale at retail from the premises of  
68 wine or brandy by the glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of  
69 the farm winery permittee for consumption on the premises; and (G)  
70 subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, the sale  
71 and delivery or shipment of wine manufactured by the permittee  
72 directly to a consumer in this state. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
73 subparagraphs (D), (E) and (F) of this subdivision, a town may, by  
74 ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such offering, tasting or  
75 selling at retail at premises within such town for which a manufacturer  
76 permit for a farm winery has been issued.

77 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping wine directly to a  
78 consumer in this state, shall: (A) Ensure that the shipping labels on all  
79 containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this state  
80 conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL—  
81 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR  
82 DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or  
83 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to  
84 demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a  
85 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described

86 in section 1-1h; (C) not ship more than five gallons of wine in any two-  
87 month period to any person in this state; (D) pay, to the Department of  
88 Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due  
89 under chapters 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state,  
90 and file, with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic  
91 beverage tax returns relating to such sales; (E) report to the  
92 Department of Consumer Protection a separate and complete record of  
93 all sales and shipments to consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or  
94 similar form which readily presents a chronological account of such  
95 permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (F) not ship to any  
96 address in the state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by  
97 local option pursuant to section 30-9; and (G) hold an in-state  
98 transporter's permit pursuant to section 30-19f or make any such  
99 shipment through the use of a person who holds such an in-state  
100 transporter's permit.

101 (4) No licensed farm winery may sell any such wine or brandy not  
102 manufactured by such winery, except a licensed farm winery may sell  
103 from the premises wine manufactured by another farm winery located  
104 in this state.

105 (5) The farm winery permittee shall grow on the premises of the  
106 farm winery or on property under the same ownership and control of  
107 said permittee or leased by the backer of a farm winery permit or by  
108 said permittee within the farm winery's principal state an average crop  
109 of fruit equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the fruit used in  
110 the manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop  
111 shall be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery  
112 permittee's two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years,  
113 except that during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a  
114 farm winery permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of  
115 grapes for each acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee.  
116 Such seven-year period shall not begin anew if the property for which  
117 the farm winery permit is held is transferred or sold during such  
118 seven-year period. In the event the farm winery consists of more than

119 one property, the aggregate acreage of the farm winery shall not be  
120 less than five acres.

121 (6) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery, when  
122 advertising or offering wine for direct shipment to a consumer in this  
123 state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall  
124 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its  
125 advertising.

126 (7) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery may sell  
127 wine manufactured from such winery at a farmers' market, as defined  
128 in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or  
129 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell  
130 wine at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers' market  
131 wine sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
132 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o.

133 (8) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall  
134 be three hundred dollars.

135 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
136 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
137 *passage*):

138 (a) A manufacturer permit shall allow the manufacture of alcoholic  
139 liquor and the storage, bottling and wholesale distribution and sale of  
140 alcoholic liquor manufactured or bottled to permittees in this state and  
141 without the state as may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall  
142 be granted unless the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has  
143 received the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection. The  
144 holder of a manufacturer permit who produces less than twenty-five  
145 thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in a calendar year may sell at  
146 retail from the premises sealed bottles or other sealed containers of  
147 alcoholic liquor manufactured on the premises for consumption off the  
148 premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer  
149 more than one and one-half liters of alcoholic liquor per day nor more

150 than five gallons of alcoholic liquor in any two-month period. Retail  
151 sales by a holder of a manufacturer permit shall occur only on the days  
152 and times permitted under subsection (d) of section 30-91. A holder of  
153 a manufacturer permit, alone or in combination with any parent or  
154 subsidiary business or related or affiliated party, who sells more than  
155 ten thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in any calendar year may not  
156 sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale to retail permittees within this state.  
157 Such permit shall also authorize the offering and tasting, either with or  
158 without charge, on the premises of the permittee, of [free] samples of  
159 spirits distilled on the premises. Tastings shall not exceed [one-half  
160 ounce] two ounces per patron per day and shall not be allowed on  
161 such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight  
162 o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after  
163 eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed to be  
164 consumed by any minor or intoxicated person. A holder of a  
165 manufacturer permit may apply for and shall receive an out-of-state  
166 shipper's permit for manufacturing plants and warehouse locations  
167 outside the state owned by such manufacturer or a subsidiary  
168 corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the voting stock of  
169 which is owned by such manufacturer, to bring into any of its plants or  
170 warehouses in the state alcoholic liquors for reprocessing, repackaging,  
171 reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to wholesaler permittees  
172 not owned or controlled by such manufacturer, or (2) outside the state.  
173 A holder of a manufacturer permit, alone or in combination with any  
174 parent or subsidiary business or affiliated party, who sells ten  
175 thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor or less in any calendar year,  
176 except the holder of a manufacturer permit for cider, may apply for  
177 and shall receive a wholesaler permit. The annual fee for a  
178 manufacturer permit shall be one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars.

179 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
180 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
181 *passage*):

182 (c) A manufacturer permit for cider not exceeding six per cent

183 alcohol by volume and apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent  
184 alcohol by volume shall allow (1) the manufacture, storage, bottling  
185 and wholesale distribution and sale at retail of such cider and apple  
186 wine to permittees and nonpermittees in this state as may be permitted  
187 by law; but no such permit shall be issued unless the place or the plan  
188 of the place of manufacture has received the approval of the  
189 department; [and] (2) the sale and shipment by the holder of such  
190 permit of such cider and such apple wine to persons outside the state  
191 and to consumers in this state in the same manner and subject to the  
192 same conditions as such sale and shipment is permitted for wine by a  
193 farm winery manufacturer permittee pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
194 section; and (3) the offering and tasting, on the premises of the  
195 permittee, of free samples of cider and apple wine manufactured on  
196 such premises. Tastings shall not exceed two ounces per patron and  
197 shall not be allowed on such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock  
198 a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten  
199 o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No tasting shall be offered to  
200 or allowed to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated person.  
201 Offerings and tastings may be limited to visitors who have attended a  
202 tour of the premises of the permittee. The annual fee for a  
203 manufacturer permit for cider shall be two hundred dollars.

204 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The holder of an alcoholic  
205 liquor permit issued by the Department of Consumer Protection  
206 pursuant to subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of section 30-16 of the  
207 general statutes, as amended by this act, or an agent of such permit  
208 holder, shall furnish potable water without charge to any person on  
209 the permit premises requesting such water or shall offer nonalcoholic  
210 beverages for sale to such person.

211 (b) A permittee or such permittee's agent shall not be required to  
212 furnish such water or offer nonalcoholic beverages for sale during the  
213 hours and days that the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor is  
214 prohibited pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general  
215 statutes. Such potable water shall meet all federal and state

216 requirements concerning purity of drinking water and shall be  
217 supplied in a receptacle suitable to permit the individual consumption  
218 of not less than twelve ounces per serving.

219 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion,  
220 suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew an alcoholic liquor permit  
221 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-47 of the general statutes if the  
222 department has reasonable cause to believe a permittee has violated  
223 any provision of this section.

224 Sec. 8. Subsection (e) of section 30-16 of the general statutes is  
225 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
226 *passage*):

227 (e) (1) A manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be in all  
228 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of  
229 operations of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled  
230 from grape products or other fruit products, including grappa and  
231 eau-de-vie. As used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or  
232 premises, located on a farm in the state in which wine is manufactured  
233 and sold.

234 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm  
235 winery, authorize (A) the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the  
236 premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such  
237 permit; (B) as to a manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand  
238 gallons of wine or less per year, the sale and shipment by the holder  
239 thereof to a retailer of wine manufactured by the farm winery  
240 permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen  
241 gallons per container; (C) the sale and shipment by the holder thereof  
242 of wine manufactured by the farm winery permittee to persons outside  
243 the state; (D) the offering and tasting of free samples of such wine or  
244 brandy to visitors and prospective retail customers for consumption on  
245 the premises of the farm winery permittee; (E) the sale at retail from  
246 the premises of sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such wine  
247 or brandy for consumption off the premises; (F) the sale at retail from



248 the premises of wine or brandy by the glass and bottle to visitors on  
249 the premises of the farm winery permittee for consumption on the  
250 premises; and (G) subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this  
251 subsection, the sale and delivery or shipment of wine manufactured by  
252 the permittee directly to a consumer in this state. Notwithstanding the  
253 provisions of subparagraphs (D), (E) and (F) of this subdivision, a  
254 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such  
255 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for  
256 which a manufacturer permit for a farm winery has been issued.

257 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping wine directly to a  
258 consumer in this state, shall: (A) Ensure that the shipping labels on all  
259 containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this state  
260 conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL—  
261 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR  
262 DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or  
263 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to  
264 demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a  
265 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described  
266 in section 1-1h; (C) not ship more than five gallons of wine in any two-  
267 month period to any person in this state; (D) pay, to the Department of  
268 Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due  
269 under chapters 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state,  
270 and file, with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic  
271 beverage tax returns relating to such sales; (E) report to the  
272 Department of Consumer Protection a separate and complete record of  
273 all sales and shipments to consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or  
274 similar form which readily presents a chronological account of such  
275 permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (F) not ship to any  
276 address in the state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by  
277 local option pursuant to section 30-9; and (G) hold an in-state  
278 transporter's permit pursuant to section 30-19f or make any such  
279 shipment through the use of a person who holds such an in-state  
280 transporter's permit.

281 (4) No licensed farm winery may sell any such wine or brandy not  
282 manufactured by such winery, except a licensed farm winery may sell  
283 from the premises (A) wine manufactured by another farm winery  
284 located in this state, and (B) brandy manufactured from fruit harvested  
285 in this state and distilled off the premises in this state.

286 (5) The farm winery permittee shall grow on the premises of the  
287 farm winery or on property under the same ownership and control of  
288 said permittee or leased by the backer of a farm winery permit or by  
289 said permittee within the farm winery's principal state an average crop  
290 of fruit equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the fruit used in  
291 the manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop  
292 shall be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery  
293 permittee's two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years,  
294 except that during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a  
295 farm winery permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of  
296 grapes for each acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee.  
297 Such seven-year period shall not begin anew if the property for which  
298 the farm winery permit is held is transferred or sold during such  
299 seven-year period. In the event the farm winery consists of more than  
300 one property, the aggregate acreage of the farm winery shall not be  
301 less than five acres.

302 (6) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery, when  
303 advertising or offering wine for direct shipment to a consumer in this  
304 state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall  
305 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its  
306 advertising.

307 (7) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery may sell  
308 wine manufactured from such winery at a farmers' market, as defined  
309 in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or  
310 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell  
311 wine at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers' market  
312 wine sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection  
313 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o.

314 (8) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall  
315 be three hundred dollars.

316 Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is  
317 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
318 *passage*):

319 (a) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic  
320 liquor not to be consumed on the premises, such sales to be made only  
321 in sealed bottles or other containers. The holder of a package store  
322 permit may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
323 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to the provisions of  
324 chapter 54, offer free samples of alcoholic liquor for tasting on the  
325 premises, conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and  
326 demonstrations and conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a  
327 permittee or backer of a package store for a nominal charge to  
328 charitable nonprofit organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine  
329 education and tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises  
330 shall be conducted only during the hours a package store is permitted  
331 to sell alcoholic liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No  
332 tasting of wine on the premises shall be offered from more than ten  
333 uncorked bottles at any one time. No store operating under a package  
334 store permit shall sell any commodity other than alcoholic liquor  
335 except that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such store  
336 may sell (1) cigarettes and cigars, (2) publications, (3) bar utensils,  
337 which shall include, but need not be limited to, corkscrews, beverage  
338 strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume or related to  
339 the consumption of alcoholic liquor, (4) gift packages of alcoholic  
340 liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state shipper,  
341 which may include a nonalcoholic item in the gift package that may be  
342 any item, except food or tobacco products, provided the dollar value of  
343 the nonalcoholic items does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic  
344 items of the package, (5) complementary fresh fruits used in the  
345 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (6) cheese or crackers, or  
346 both, (7) olives, [(7)] (8) nonalcoholic beverages, [(8)] (9) concentrates

347 used in the preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, [(9)] (10) beer  
 348 and wine-making kits and products related to beer and wine-making  
 349 kits, [(10)] (11) ice in any form, [(11)] (12) articles of clothing imprinted  
 350 with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor industry, [(12)] (13) gift  
 351 baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, [(13)] (14) multiple  
 352 packages of alcoholic liquors, as defined in subdivision (3) of section  
 353 30-1, provided in all such cases the minimum retail selling price for  
 354 such alcoholic liquor shall apply, [(14)] (15) lottery tickets authorized  
 355 by the Department of Consumer Protection, if licensed as an agent to  
 356 sell such tickets by said department, and [(15)] (16) gift baskets  
 357 containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and commodities  
 358 authorized for sale under subdivisions (1) to [(14)] (15), inclusive, of  
 359 this subsection. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and  
 360 transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other states.  
 361 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit  
 362 shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or  
 363 giveaway sponsored by the Department of Consumer Protection. The  
 364 annual fee for a package store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five  
 365 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	30-91(c)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	30-90a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	30-16(e)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(c)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	30-16(e)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	30-20(a)

**GL**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*