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Introduced by:
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AN ACT STREAMLINING THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Section 12-435 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

3 Each distributor of alcoholic beverages shall pay a tax to the state on
4 all sales within the state of alcoholic beverages, except sales to licensed
5 distributors, sales of alcoholic beverages which, in the course of such
6 sales, are actually transported to some point without the state and
7 except the first fifteen barrels of malt beverages [which are] produced
8 and consumed on the premises covered by a manufacturer's permit, at
9 the rates for the respective categories of alcoholic beverages listed
10 below:

11 (a) Beer, seven dollars and twenty cents for each barrel, three dollars
12 and sixty cents for each half barrel, one dollar and eighty cents for each
13 quarter barrel and twenty-four cents per wine gallon or fraction
14 thereof on quantities less than a quarter barrel;

15 (b) Liquor, five dollars and forty cents per wine gallon;

16 (c) Still wines containing not more than twenty-one per cent of
17 absolute alcohol, except as provided in subsections (g) and (h) of this
18 section, seventy-two cents per wine gallon;

19 (d) Still wines containing more than twenty-one per cent of absolute
20 alcohol and sparkling wines, one dollar and eighty cents per wine
21 gallon;

22 (e) Alcohol in excess of 100 proof, five dollars and forty cents per
23 proof gallon;

24 (f) Liquor coolers containing not more than seven per cent of alcohol
25 by volume, two dollars and forty-six cents per wine gallon;

26 (g) Still wine containing not more than twenty-one per cent of
27 absolute alcohol, produced by a person who produces not more than
28 fifty-five thousand wine gallons of wine during the calendar year,
29 eighteen cents per wine gallon, provided such person presents to each
30 distributor of alcoholic beverages described in this section a certificate,
31 issued by the commissioner, stating that such person produces not
32 more than fifty-five thousand wine gallons of wine during the calendar
33 year. The commissioner is authorized to issue such certificates,
34 prescribe the procedures for obtaining such certificates and prescribe
35 their form; and

36 (h) Cider containing not more than seven per cent of absolute
37 alcohol shall be subject to the same rate as applies to beer, as provided
38 in subsection (a) of this section.

39 Sec. 2. Section 30-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
40 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

41 For the interpretation of this chapter, unless the context indicates a
42 different meaning:

43 (1) "Airline" means any United States airline carrier, holding a
44 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil

45 Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of
46 1958, as amended, or any foreign flag carrier, holding a permit under
47 Section 402 of such act.

48 (2) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented
49 liquid, rectified either once or more often, whatever may be the origin
50 thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered
51 nonpotable.

52 (3) "Alcoholic liquor" or "alcoholic beverage" includes the four
53 varieties of liquor defined in subdivisions (2), (5), (18) and (19) of this
54 section (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or solid,
55 patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of
56 being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes. Any liquid
57 or solid containing more than one of the four varieties so defined is
58 considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher
59 percentage of alcohol, according to the following order: Alcohol,
60 spirits, wine and beer, except as provided in subdivision (19) of this
61 section. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any liquid or
62 solid containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by
63 volume.

64 (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is himself
65 the proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or
66 unincorporated, engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor,
67 in which business a permittee is associated, whether as employee,
68 agent or part owner.

69 (5) "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic
70 fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, malt and hops in
71 drinking water.

72 (6) (A) "Case price" means the price of a container of cardboard,
73 wood or other material, containing units of the same size [, brand, age
74 and proof] and class of alcoholic liquor, and (B) a case of alcoholic
75 liquor, other than beer, cordials, cocktails, wines and prepared mixed

76 drinks, shall be in the number and quantity, or fewer, with the
77 permission of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of units or
78 bottles as follows: (i) Six one thousand seven hundred fifty milliliter
79 bottles; (ii) twelve one liter bottles; (iii) twelve seven hundred fifty
80 milliliter bottles; (iv) twenty-four three hundred seventy-five milliliter
81 bottles; (v) forty-eight two hundred milliliter bottles; (vi) sixty one
82 hundred milliliter bottles; or (vii) one hundred twenty fifty milliliter
83 bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter bottles may be in a number and
84 quantity as originally configured, packaged and sold by the
85 manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to shipment, provided such
86 number of bottles does not exceed two hundred. The commissioner
87 shall not authorize fewer numbers or quantities of units or bottles as
88 specified in this subdivision for any one person or entity more than
89 four times in any calendar year. For the purposes of this subdivision,
90 "class" has the same meaning as defined in 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits, as
91 defined in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, and as defined in 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

92 (7) "Charitable organization" means any nonprofit organization
93 organized for charitable purposes to which has been issued a ruling by
94 the Internal Revenue Service classifying it as an exempt organization
95 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

96 (8) "Club" means a club as defined in section 30-23.

97 (9) "Coliseum" means a coliseum as defined in section 30-33a.

98 (10) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission and
99 "department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.

100 (11) "Golf country club" means a golf country club as defined in
101 section 30-24a.

102 (12) "Mead" means fermented honey, with or without adjunct
103 ingredients or additions, regardless of alcohol content, regardless of
104 process, and regardless of being sparkling, carbonated or still.

105 [(12)] (13) "Minor" means any person under twenty-one years of age.

106 [(13)] (14) "Person" means natural person including partners but
107 shall not include corporations, limited liability companies, joint stock
108 companies or other associations of natural persons.

109 [(14)] (15) "Proprietor" shall include all owners of businesses or
110 clubs, included in subdivision (4) of this section, whether such owners
111 are individuals, partners, joint stock companies, fiduciaries,
112 stockholders of corporations or otherwise, but shall not include
113 persons or corporations who are merely creditors of such businesses or
114 clubs, whether as note holders, bond holders, landlords or franchisors.

115 [(15)] (16) "Dining room" means a room or rooms in premises
116 operating under a hotel permit, hotel beer permit, restaurant permit,
117 restaurant permit for beer, restaurant permit for wine and beer,
118 railroad permit, or boat permit, where meals are customarily served,
119 within the room or rooms, to any member of the public who has means
120 of payment and proper demeanor.

121 [(16)] (17) "Restaurant" means a restaurant as defined in section 30-
122 22.

123 [(17)] (18) "Special sporting facility" means a special sporting facility
124 as defined in section 30-33b.

125 [(18)] (19) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol
126 obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other
127 substances in solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.

128 [(19)] (20) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the
129 fermentation of the natural sugar content of fruits, such as grapes or
130 apples or other agricultural products, containing sugar, including
131 fortified wines such as port, sherry and champagne.

132 [(20)] (21) "Nonprofit public television corporation" means a
133 nonprofit public television corporation as defined in section 30-37d.

134 Sec. 3. Section 30-16 of the general statutes is repealed and the

135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

136 (a) A manufacturer permit for spirits shall allow the manufacture of
137 [alcoholic liquor] spirits and the storage, bottling and wholesale
138 distribution and sale of [alcoholic liquor] spirits manufactured or
139 bottled to permittees in this state and without the state as may be
140 permitted by law; but no such permit shall be granted unless the place
141 or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the approval of
142 the Department of Consumer Protection. The holder of a manufacturer
143 permit who produces less than twenty-five thousand gallons of
144 [alcoholic liquor] spirits in a calendar year may sell at retail from the
145 premises sealed bottles or other sealed containers of [alcoholic liquor]
146 spirits manufactured on the premises for consumption off the
147 premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer
148 more than [one and one-half] three liters of [alcoholic liquor] spirits
149 per day nor more than five gallons of [alcoholic liquor] spirits in any
150 two-month period. Retail sales by a holder of a manufacturer permit
151 shall occur only on the days and times permitted under subsection (d)
152 of section 30-91. A holder of a manufacturer permit, alone or in
153 combination with any parent or subsidiary business or related or
154 affiliated party, who sells more than ten thousand gallons of [alcoholic
155 liquor] spirits in any calendar year may not sell [alcoholic liquor]
156 spirits at wholesale to retail permittees within this state. Such permit
157 shall also authorize the offering and tasting, on the premises of the
158 permittee, of free samples of spirits distilled on the premises. Such free
159 samples of spirits distilled on the premises may be offered for
160 consumption in combination with a nonalcoholic beverage. Tastings
161 shall not exceed two ounces per patron per day and shall not be
162 allowed on such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
163 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.
164 and after eight o'clock p.m. No tastings shall be offered to or allowed
165 to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated person. A holder of a
166 manufacturer permit may apply for and shall receive an out-of-state
167 shipper's permit for manufacturing plants and warehouse locations
168 outside the state owned by such manufacturer or a subsidiary

169 corporation thereof, at least eighty-five per cent of the voting stock of
170 which is owned by such manufacturer, to bring into any of its plants or
171 warehouses in the state [alcoholic liquors] spirits for reprocessing,
172 repackaging, reshipment or sale either (1) within the state to
173 wholesaler permittees not owned or controlled by such manufacturer,
174 or (2) outside the state. The annual fee for a manufacturer permit shall
175 be one thousand eight hundred fifty dollars.

176 (b) A manufacturer permit for beer shall [be in all respects the same
177 as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of operations of the
178 holder shall be limited to beer, but shall permit the storage of beer in
179 any part of the state. Such permit shall also authorize the offering and
180 tasting, on the premises of the permittee, of free samples of beer
181 brewed on such premises and the selling at retail from the premises of
182 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such beer for consumption
183 off the premises. The offering and tasting may be limited to visitors
184 who have attended a tour of the premises of the permittee] allow the
185 manufacture of beer and the storage, bottling and wholesale
186 distribution and sale of beer manufactured or bottled to permittees in
187 this state and without the state as may be permitted by law, but no
188 such permit shall be granted unless the place or the plan of the place of
189 manufacture has received the approval of the Department of
190 Consumer Protection. A holder of a manufacturer permit for beer who
191 sells beer brewed on such premises at wholesale to retail permittees
192 within this state shall make such beer available to all holders of a
193 package store permit issued pursuant to section 30-20 and to all
194 holders of a grocery store beer permit held pursuant to said subsection
195 in the geographical region in which the holder of the manufacturer
196 permit for beer self-distributes, subject to reasonable limitations, as
197 determined by the Department of Consumer Protection. .Such permit
198 shall also allow (1) the retail sale of beer to be consumed on the
199 premises with or without the sale of food, (2) the selling at retail from
200 the premises of sealed bottles or other sealed containers of beer brewed
201 on such premises for consumption off the premises, and (3) the sale of
202 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of beer brewed on such

203 premises to the holder of a wholesaler permit issued pursuant to
204 subsection (b) of section 30-17, provided that the holder of a
205 manufacturer permit for beer produces at least five thousand gallons
206 of beer on the premises annually. Such selling at retail from the
207 premises of sealed bottles or other sealed containers shall comply with
208 the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not
209 more than [nine liters] six gallons of beer to be sold to any person on
210 any day on which such sale is authorized under the provisions of
211 subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee for a manufacturer
212 permit for beer shall be one thousand four hundred seven dollars.

213 [(c) A manufacturer permit for cider not exceeding six per cent
214 alcohol by volume and apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent
215 alcohol by volume shall allow (1) the manufacture, storage, bottling
216 and wholesale distribution and sale at retail of such cider and apple
217 wine to permittees and nonpermittees in this state as may be permitted
218 by law; but no such permit shall be issued unless the place or the plan
219 of the place of manufacture has received the approval of the
220 department; (2) the sale and shipment by the holder of such permit of
221 such cider and such apple wine to persons outside the state and to
222 consumers in this state in the same manner and subject to the same
223 conditions as such sale and shipment is permitted for wine by a farm
224 winery manufacturer permittee pursuant to subsection (e) of this
225 section; and (3) the offering and tasting, on the premises of the
226 permittee, of free samples of cider and apple wine manufactured on
227 such premises. Tastings shall not exceed two ounces per patron and
228 shall not be allowed on such premises on Sunday before eleven o'clock
229 a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten
230 o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No tasting shall be offered to
231 or allowed to be consumed by any minor or intoxicated person.
232 Offerings and tastings may be limited to visitors who have attended a
233 tour of the premises of the permittee. The annual fee for a
234 manufacturer permit for cider shall be two hundred dollars.

235 (d) A manufacturer permit for apple brandy and eau-de-vie shall be

236 in all respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope
237 of operations of the holder shall be limited to apple brandy or eau-de-
238 vie, or both. The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for apple
239 brandy and eau-de-vie shall be four hundred dollars.]

240 [(e)] (c) (1) A manufacturer permit for [a farm winery shall be in all
241 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of
242 operations of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled
243 from grape products or other fruit products, including grappa and
244 eau-de-vie. As used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or
245 premises that is located on a farm in the state in which wine is
246 manufactured and sold] wine, cider and mead shall allow the
247 manufacture of wine, cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by
248 volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by volume,
249 apple brandy, eau-de-vie and mead and the storage, bottling and
250 wholesale distribution and sale of wine, cider not exceeding six per
251 cent alcohol by volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent
252 alcohol by volume, apple brandy, eau-de-vie and mead manufactured
253 or bottled to permittees in this state and without the state as may be
254 permitted by law; but no such permit shall be granted unless the place
255 or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the approval of
256 the Department of Consumer Protection.

257 (2) Such permit shall, at [the] a single principal premises, [of the
258 farm winery,] authorize (A) the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from
259 the premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such
260 permit; (B) as to a manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand
261 gallons of [wine] product pursuant to this permit or less per year, the
262 sale and shipment by the holder thereof to a retailer of [wine] product
263 pursuant to this permit manufactured by the [farm winery] permittee
264 in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen gallons per
265 container; (C) the sale and shipment by the holder thereof of [wine]
266 product pursuant to this permit manufactured by the [farm winery]
267 permittee to persons outside the state; (D) the offering and tasting of
268 free samples of such [wine or brandy] product produced pursuant to

269 this permit, dispensed out of bottles or containers having capacities of
270 not more than two gallons per bottle or container, to visitors and
271 prospective retail customers for consumption on the premises of the
272 [farm winery] permittee; (E) the sale at retail from the premises of
273 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of such [wine or brandy]
274 product produced pursuant to this permit for consumption off the
275 premises; (F) the sale at retail from the premises of [wine or brandy]
276 product produced pursuant to this permit by the glass and bottle to
277 visitors on the premises of the [farm winery] permittee for
278 consumption on the premises; and (G) subject to the provisions of
279 subdivision (3) of this subsection, the sale and delivery or shipment of
280 [wine] product produced pursuant to this permit manufactured by the
281 permittee directly to a consumer in this state. Notwithstanding the
282 provisions of subparagraphs (D), (E) and (F) of this subdivision, a
283 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such
284 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for
285 which a manufacturer permit [for a farm winery] has been issued.

286 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping [wine] a product
287 produced pursuant to this permit, directly to a consumer in this state,
288 shall: (A) Ensure that the shipping labels on all containers of [wine]
289 such products shipped directly to a consumer in this state
290 conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –
291 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
292 DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or
293 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to
294 demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a
295 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described
296 in section 1-1h; (C) not ship more than five gallons of [wine] product
297 produced pursuant to this permit in any two-month period to any
298 person in this state; (D) pay, to the Department of Revenue Services, all
299 sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due under chapters 219 and
300 220 on sales of [wine] products produced pursuant to this permit to
301 consumers in this state, and file, with said department, all sales tax
302 returns and alcoholic beverage tax returns relating to such sales; (E)

303 report to the Department of Consumer Protection a separate and
304 complete record of all sales and shipments to consumers in the state,
305 on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily presents a
306 chronological account of such permittee's dealings with each such
307 consumer; (F) not ship to any address in the state where the sale of
308 alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant to section 30-9;
309 and (G) hold an in-state transporter's permit pursuant to section 30-19f
310 or make any such shipment through the use of a person who holds
311 such an in-state transporter's permit.

312 (4) No [licensed farm winery] holder of a wine, cider and mead
313 permit may sell any such [wine or brandy] product not manufactured
314 by such [winery] permit holder, except [a licensed farm winery] such
315 permittee may sell from the premises (A) wine, cider not exceeding six
316 per cent alcohol by volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent
317 alcohol by volume, apple brandy and eau-de-vie and mead
318 manufactured by another [farm winery] such permit holder located in
319 this state, and (B) brandy manufactured from fruit harvested in this
320 state and distilled off the premises in this state.

321 [(5) The farm winery permittee shall grow on the premises of the
322 farm winery or on property under the same ownership and control of
323 said permittee or leased by the backer of a farm winery permit or by
324 said permittee within the farm winery's principal state an average crop
325 of fruit equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the fruit used in
326 the manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop
327 shall be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery
328 permittee's two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years,
329 except that during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a
330 farm winery permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of
331 grapes for each acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee.
332 Such seven-year period shall not begin anew if the property for which
333 the farm winery permit is held is transferred or sold during such
334 seven-year period. In the event the farm winery consists of more than
335 one property, the aggregate acreage of the farm winery shall not be

336 less than five acres.]

337 [(6)] (5) A holder of a [manufacturer] permit [for a farm winery]
338 issued pursuant to this subsection, when advertising or offering [wine]
339 products for direct shipment to a consumer in this state via the Internet
340 or any other on-line computer network, shall clearly and
341 conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its advertising.

342 [(7)] (6) A holder of a [manufacturer] wine, cider and mead permit
343 [for a farm winery] issued pursuant to this subsection may sell and
344 offer free tastings of [wine] products produced pursuant to such
345 permit manufactured [from] by such [winery] permit holder at a
346 farmers' market, as defined in section 22-6r, that is operated as a
347 nonprofit enterprise or association, provided such farmers' market
348 invites such holder to sell [wine] such products at such farmers'
349 market and such holder has a farmers' market [wine sales] permit
350 issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in accordance
351 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37o, as amended by
352 this act.

353 [(8)] (7) The annual fee for a [manufacturer] wine, cider and mead
354 permit [for a farm winery] shall be [three] two hundred dollars.

355 [(f) (1)] A manufacturer permit for a farm brewery shall be in all
356 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of
357 operations of the holder shall be limited to the production of not more
358 than seventy-five thousand gallons of beer in a calendar year. As used
359 in this section, "farm brewery" means any place or premises that is
360 located on a farm in the state in which beer is manufactured and sold.

361 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm
362 brewery, authorize (A) the sale of sealed bottles or other sealed
363 containers of beer brewed on such premises to the holder of a
364 wholesaler permit issued pursuant to section 30-17; (B) the offering
365 and tasting of free samples of beer manufactured by the farm brewery
366 permittee, dispensed out of bottles or other sealed containers to

367 visitors and prospective retail customers for consumption on the
368 premises of the farm brewery permittee; (C) the sale at retail from the
369 premises of not more than nine liters of such beer to any person per
370 day, in sealed bottles or other sealed containers, for consumption off
371 the premises; and (D) the sale at retail from the premises of beer by the
372 glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of the farm brewery
373 permittee for consumption on the premises. Notwithstanding the
374 provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, a
375 town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit any such
376 offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such town for
377 which a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery has been issued.

378 (3) The farm brewery permittee shall use not less than twenty-five
379 per cent of a combination of hops, barley, cereal grains, honey, flowers
380 or other fermentables grown or malted within the state of Connecticut
381 in the manufacture of the farm brewery permittee's beer for the first
382 year of issuance for any such permit and not less than fifty per cent of
383 such hops, barley, cereal grains, honey, flowers or other fermentables
384 in the manufacture of the farm brewery permittee's beer for the second
385 and any subsequent year of issuance for any such permit. Any such
386 beer may be advertised and sold by the farm brewery permittee as
387 "Connecticut Craft Beer".

388 (4) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery may sell
389 beer manufactured from such brewery at a farmers' market, as defined
390 in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or
391 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell
392 beer at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers' market
393 beer sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
394 in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-37r.

395 (5) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm brewery
396 shall be three hundred dollars.

397 (g) A manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall allow: (1) The
398 manufacture, storage and bottling of beer, (2) the retail sale of alcoholic

399 liquor to be consumed on the premises with or without the sale of
400 food, (3) the selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or
401 other sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises for
402 consumption off the premises, and (4) the sale of sealed bottles or other
403 sealed containers of beer brewed on such premises to the holder of a
404 wholesaler permit issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-17,
405 provided that the holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew pub
406 produces at least five thousand gallons of beer on the premises
407 annually. Such selling at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or
408 other sealed containers shall comply with the provisions of subsection
409 (d) of section 30-91 and shall permit not more than nine liters of beer to
410 be sold to any person on any day on which such sale is authorized
411 under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee
412 for a manufacturer permit for a brew pub shall be three hundred
413 dollars.

414 (h) A manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be in all
415 respects the same as a manufacturer permit for beer, as defined in
416 subsection (b) of this section, and shall allow those additional
417 permissible uses specified in the manufacturer permit for a brew pub,
418 as defined in subsection (g) of this section, provided the holder of a
419 manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub produces at least five
420 thousand gallons of beer on the premises annually. The annual fee for
421 a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub shall be one thousand
422 five hundred dollars.

423 (i) (1) A manufacturer permit for a farm distillery shall be in all
424 respects the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of
425 operations of the holder shall be limited to the production of not more
426 than ten thousand gallons per calendar year of distilled alcohol or
427 spirits including, but not limited to, whiskey, gin, vodka and rum. As
428 used in this section, "farm distillery" means any place or premises that
429 is located on a farm in the state in which distilled spirits or alcohol are
430 manufactured and sold.

431 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm
432 distillery, authorize (A) the sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the
433 premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such
434 permit; (B) the sale and shipment by the holder thereof to a retailer of
435 distilled alcohol or spirits manufactured by the farm distillery
436 permittee in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen
437 gallons per container; (C) the offering and tasting of free samples of
438 such distilled alcohol or spirits, in amounts not to exceed two ounces
439 per day per person, to visitors and prospective retail customers for
440 consumption on the premises of the farm distillery permittee; and (D)
441 the sale at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or other sealed
442 containers, in amounts not to exceed four and one-half liters per
443 customer per day, of such distilled alcohol or spirits for consumption
444 off the premises. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (C)
445 and (D) of this subdivision, a town may, by ordinance or zoning
446 regulation, prohibit any such offering, tasting or selling at retail at
447 premises within such town for which a manufacturer permit for a farm
448 distillery has been issued.

449 (3) No licensed farm distillery may sell any such distilled alcohol or
450 spirits not manufactured by such distillery.

451 (4) The farm distillery permittee shall grow on the premises of the
452 farm distillery or on property under the same ownership and control
453 of said permittee or leased by the backer of a farm distillery permit or
454 by said permittee within the farm distillery's principal state an average
455 crop of fruit or crops equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the
456 fruit or crops used in the manufacture of the farm distillery permittee's
457 distilled alcohol or spirits. An average crop shall be defined each year
458 as the average yield of the farm distillery permittee's two largest
459 annual crops out of the preceding five years. In the event the farm
460 distillery consists of more than one property, the aggregate acreage of
461 the farm distillery shall not be less than five acres.

462 (5) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm distillery

463 shall be three hundred dollars.]

464 Sec. 4. Section 30-37p of the general statutes is repealed and the
465 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

466 (a) A gift basket retailer permit shall allow the retail sale of wine or
467 beer manufactured in Connecticut by the holder of a manufacturer
468 permit for beer or a wine, cider and mead permit included in a gift
469 basket sold at retail by the permit holder. Such wine or beer shall not
470 be consumed on the premises. Such permit holder shall be located in
471 this state and such wine or beer shall only be purchased by such
472 permit holder from the holder of a package store permit issued
473 pursuant to section 30-20 or the holder of a manufacturer permit [for a
474 farm winery] issued pursuant to subsection [(e)] (c) of section 30-16, as
475 amended by this act.

476 (b) The holder of a gift basket retailer permit may sell gift baskets
477 which may include (1) a maximum of four bottles of wine per basket or
478 a maximum of seventy-two ounces of beer per basket, (2) food items,
479 (3) nonalcoholic beverages, (4) concentrates used in the preparation of
480 mixed alcoholic beverages, (5) wine-making kits and beer-making kits
481 and products related to [wine-making] such kits, (6) ice in any form,
482 (7) articles of clothing imprinted with advertising related to the
483 alcoholic liquor industry or the permittee's gift basket business, (8)
484 flowers, plants and garden-related items, (9) drinking glasses, bottle
485 opening devices and literature related to wine or beer, or (10) gift
486 certificates. The sale of such gift baskets shall only take place during
487 the times permitted for the sale of alcoholic liquor in places operating
488 under package store permits pursuant to section 30-91. The holder of a
489 gift basket retailer permit shall not sell such gift baskets on premises
490 operating under any other permit issued pursuant to this title. Nothing
491 in this section shall prohibit the holder of a package store permit
492 issued pursuant to section 30-20 from selling any item permitted for
493 sale by such permittee pursuant to said section.

494 (c) The annual fee for a gift basket retailer permit shall be two

495 hundred dollars.

496 Sec. 5. Section 30-37q of the general statutes is repealed and the
497 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

498 (a) A gift basket retailer permit issued in accordance with section 30-
499 37p shall allow the sale and delivery or shipment of gift baskets
500 containing wine or beer directly to a consumer in this state, subject to
501 the provisions of section 30-37p and this section, or to a consumer
502 outside of this state, subject to all applicable laws of the jurisdiction in
503 which such consumer outside of this state is located. Such permittee,
504 when selling and shipping gift baskets containing wine or beer directly
505 to a consumer in this state, shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping labels on
506 all gift baskets containing wine or beer shipped directly to a consumer
507 in this state conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS
508 ALCOHOL—SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER
509 REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person age
510 twenty-one or older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the
511 signer to demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by
512 providing a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity
513 card described in section 1-1h; (3) obtain a seller's permit pursuant to
514 chapter 219 and pay to the Department of Revenue Services all sales
515 taxes as required under said chapter 219 on sales of gift baskets; (4)
516 report to the Department of Consumer Protection a separate and
517 complete record of all sales and shipments to consumers in the state,
518 on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily presents a
519 chronological account of such permittee's dealings with each such
520 consumer; (5) permit the Department of Consumer Protection and the
521 Department of Revenue Services, separately or jointly, to perform an
522 audit of the permittee's records upon request; and (6) not ship to any
523 address in the state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by
524 local option pursuant to section 30-9.

525 (b) A holder of a gift basket retailer permit, when advertising or
526 offering wine or beer for direct shipment to a consumer in this or

527 another state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network,
528 shall clearly and conspicuously state its gift basket retailer permit
529 number in its advertising.

530 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
531 the Department of Revenue Services, may adopt regulations, in
532 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to assure compliance
533 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

534 Sec. 6. Section 30-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the
535 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

536 (a) No holder of any manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state
537 shipper's permit shall ship, transport or deliver within this state, or sell
538 or offer for sale, any alcoholic liquors, except for beer manufactured by
539 a permittee in this state and sold for consumption only on the
540 permittee's premises, unless the name of the brand, trade name or
541 other distinctive characteristic by which such alcoholic liquors are
542 bought and sold, the name and address of the manufacturer thereof
543 and the name and address of each wholesaler permittee who is
544 authorized by the manufacturer or his authorized representative to sell
545 such alcoholic liquors are registered with the Department of Consumer
546 Protection and until such brand, trade name or other distinctive
547 characteristic has been approved by the department. Such registration
548 shall be valid for a period of three years. The fee for such registration,
549 or renewal thereof, shall be two hundred dollars for out-of-state
550 shippers and fifteen dollars for Connecticut manufacturers for each
551 brand so registered, payable by the manufacturer or such
552 manufacturer's authorized representative when such liquors are
553 manufactured in the United States and by the importer or such
554 importer's authorized representative when such liquors are imported
555 into the United States. The department shall not approve the brand
556 registration of any fortified wine, as defined in section 12-433, which is
557 labeled, packaged or canned so as to appear to be a wine or liquor
558 cooler, as defined in section 12-433.

559 (b) No manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper permittee
560 shall discriminate in any manner in price discounts between one
561 permittee and another on sales or purchases of alcoholic liquors
562 bearing the same brand or trade name and of like age, size and quality,
563 nor shall such manufacturer, wholesaler or out-of-state shipper
564 permittee allow in any form any discount, rebate, free goods,
565 allowance or other inducement for the purpose of making sales or
566 purchases. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit
567 beer manufacturers, beer wholesalers or beer out-of-state shipper
568 permittees from differentiating in the manner in which their products
569 are packaged on the basis of on-site or off-site consumption.

570 (c) For alcoholic liquor other than beer, each manufacturer,
571 wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee shall post with the
572 department, on a monthly basis, the bottle, can and case price of any
573 brand of goods offered for sale in Connecticut, which price when so
574 posted shall be the controlling price for such manufacturer, wholesaler
575 or out-of-state permittee for the month following such posting. On and
576 after July 1, 2005, for beer, each manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-
577 state shipper permittee shall post with the department, on a monthly
578 basis, the bottle, can and case price, and the price per keg or barrel or
579 fractional unit thereof for any brand of goods offered for sale in
580 Connecticut which price when so posted shall be the controlling price
581 for such brand of goods offered for sale in this state for the month
582 following such posting. Such manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-
583 state shipper permittee may also post additional prices for such bottle,
584 can, case, keg or barrel or fractional unit thereof for a specified portion
585 of the following month which prices when so posted shall be the
586 controlling prices for such bottle, can, case, keg or barrel or fractional
587 unit thereof for such specified portion of the following month. Notice
588 of all manufacturer, wholesaler and out-of-state shipper permittee
589 prices shall be given to permittee purchasers by direct mail, Internet
590 web site or advertising in a trade publication having circulation among
591 the retail permittees except a wholesaler permittee may give such
592 notice by hand delivery. Price postings with the department setting

593 forth wholesale prices to retailers shall be available for inspection
594 during regular business hours at the offices of the department by
595 manufacturers and wholesalers until three o'clock p.m. of the first
596 business day after the last day for posting prices. A manufacturer or
597 wholesaler may amend such manufacturer's or wholesaler's posted
598 price for any month to meet a lower price posted by another
599 manufacturer or wholesaler with respect to alcoholic liquor bearing the
600 same brand or trade name and of like age, vintage, quality and unit
601 container size; provided that any such amended price posting shall be
602 filed before three o'clock p.m. of the fourth business day after the last
603 day for posting prices; and provided further such amended posting
604 shall not set forth prices lower than those being met. Any
605 manufacturer or wholesaler posting an amended price shall, at the
606 time of posting, identify in writing the specific posting being met. On
607 and after July 1, 2005, all wholesaler postings, other than for beer, for
608 the following month shall be provided to retail permittees not later
609 than the twenty-seventh day of the month prior to such posting. All
610 wholesaler postings for beer shall be provided to retail permittees not
611 later than the twentieth day of the month prior to such posting.

612 (d) Monthly price schedules on a nonuniform case shall contain the
613 bottle price for each item contained in the nonuniform case, the unit
614 price and the case price. The bottle price posted in a nonuniform case
615 shall be equal to the bottle price posted for the same month in a case
616 containing the one class and brand of alcoholic liquor.

617 Sec. 7. Section 30-68l of the general statutes is repealed and the
618 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

619 (a) No wholesaler permittee shall sell to any purchaser holding a
620 permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor for on or off premises
621 consumption at a price which is below such wholesaler permittee's
622 cost. For the purposes of this section, "cost" means: (1) On domestic
623 alcoholic liquor bottled in the state, the total of (A) the cost of all
624 ingredients, (B) all transportation charges from the point of origin to

625 the point of destination, (C) all applicable federal and state taxes, and
626 (D) the cost of containers, labels, caps, closures and all bottling charges
627 and labor; (2) on imported alcoholic liquor bottled in the state, the total
628 of (A) the invoice price from the supplier, (B) all other ingredients, (C)
629 the cost of duties, (D) all applicable federal and state taxes, (E)
630 insurance, (F) ocean freight and brokerage charges, (G) all
631 transportation charges, and (H) the cost of containers, labels, caps,
632 closures and all bottling charges and labor; (3) on domestic alcoholic
633 liquors not bottled in this state, the total of (A) the posted price from
634 the supplier to the wholesaler, (B) the cost of shipping or delivery
635 charges to the wholesaler's place of business which were paid by the
636 wholesaler in addition to the posted price, and (C) all applicable
637 federal and state taxes paid by the wholesaler in addition to the posted
638 price; (4) on imported alcoholic liquor not bottled in the state, the total
639 of (A) the posted price from the supplier, (B) the cost of duties,
640 insurance, ocean freight and brokerage charges and transportation
641 charges paid by the wholesaler in addition to the posted price, and (C)
642 all applicable federal and state taxes paid by the wholesaler in addition
643 to the posted price. The provisions of this section shall not apply to
644 sales of wine.

645 (b) Subject to prior approval from the manufacturer or out-of-state
646 shipper, a wholesaler may package and sell to a retail licensee a
647 nonuniform case, containing bottles only of one class of alcoholic
648 liquor, if the wholesaler holds the exclusive rights to all bottles in such
649 nonuniform case. Wholesalers who do not hold exclusive rights to a
650 given brand trademark may also sell to a retail licensee a nonuniform
651 case containing bottles only of one class of alcoholic liquor, provided
652 all of the bottles in such nonuniform case are available to all
653 nonexclusive wholesalers who also have rights to the given brand
654 trademarks.

655 Sec. 8. Section 30-16a of the general statutes is repealed and the
656 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

657 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue an off-site
658 [farm winery sales and] wine, cider and mead tasting permit to a
659 holder of a [manufacturer] wine, cider and mead permit [for a farm
660 winery] upon the holder's submission of proof to the commissioner
661 that the holder is in compliance with the requirements of subsection
662 [(e)] (c) of section 30-16, as amended by this act. An off-site [farm
663 winery sales and] tasting permit shall authorize the sale and offering of
664 free samples of [wine] products manufactured [from the farm winery]
665 by such permittee during a total of not more than seven events or
666 functions per year held pursuant to a temporary liquor permit issued
667 pursuant to section 30-35, a charitable organization permit issued
668 pursuant to section 30-37b or a nonprofit corporation permit issued
669 pursuant to section 30-37h, at locations outside the [manufacturer]
670 permit [for a farm winery] holder's permit premises, provided such
671 holder: (1) Notifies the Department of Consumer Protection, on a form
672 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, not less than
673 five business days prior to the date of the event or function, of the date,
674 hours and location of each event or function, (2) sells only wine, cider
675 and mead by the bottle at the event or function, and (3) is present, or
676 has an authorized representative present, at the time of the sale of any
677 [bottle of wine] such bottles or the offering of a free sample of [wine]
678 products from the [farm winery] permit holder at the event or
679 function. An off-site [farm winery sales and] wine, cider and mead
680 tasting permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of
681 issuance. The annual fee for such permit shall be two hundred fifty
682 dollars. There shall be a one-hundred-dollar nonrefundable filing fee
683 for any such permit.

684 (b) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning
685 regulation, prohibit the sale or offering of free samples [of wine] by the
686 holder of [an off-site farm winery sales and] a wine, cider and mead
687 tasting permit at an event or function held in such town or
688 municipality.

689 Sec. 9. Section 30-19f of the general statutes is repealed and the

690 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

691 (a) An in-state transporter's permit for alcoholic liquor shall allow
692 the commercial transportation of any alcoholic liquor as permitted by
693 law. The annual fee for an in-state transporter's liquor permit shall be
694 one thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

695 (b) No person, corporation, trust, partnership, incorporated or
696 unincorporated association, and any other legal entity except: (1) The
697 holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit issued pursuant to section
698 30-18 or 30-19; (2) the holder of a manufacturer's permit issued
699 pursuant to section 30-16, as amended by this act, other than the
700 holder of a manufacturer's permit for [a farm winery] wine, cider and
701 mead; and (3) the holder of a wholesaler's permit issued pursuant to
702 section 30-17 shall transport any alcoholic beverages imported into this
703 state unless such person holds an in-state transporter's permit and the
704 tax imposed on such alcoholic liquor by section 12-435, as amended by
705 this act, has been paid and, if applicable, the tax imposed on the sale of
706 such alcoholic liquor pursuant to chapter 219 has been paid.

707 (c) An in-state transporter, when shipping or delivering wine
708 directly to a consumer in this state, shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping
709 labels on all containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this
710 state conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –
711 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
712 DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or
713 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to
714 demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a
715 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described
716 in section 1-1h; and (3) not ship to any address in the state where the
717 sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant to section
718 30-9.

719 (d) Any person convicted of violating subsections (a), (b) and (c) of
720 this section shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars for each
721 offense.

722 Sec. 10. Section 30-37j of the general statutes is repealed and the
723 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

724 (a) A caterer liquor permit shall allow a person regularly engaged in
725 the business of providing food and beverages to others for service at
726 private gatherings or at special events to sell and serve alcoholic liquor
727 for on-premises consumption at any activity, event or function for
728 which such person has been hired. The annual fee for a caterer liquor
729 permit shall be four hundred forty dollars.

730 (b) The holder of a caterer liquor permit shall, on a form prescribed
731 by the Department of Consumer Protection or electronically, notify the
732 department, in writing, of the date, location and hours of each event at
733 which alcohol is served under such permit at least one business day in
734 advance of such event. If the holder of a caterer liquor permit is unable
735 to provide the written notice required under this section due to exigent
736 circumstances, such holder may provide notice to the department by
737 telephone of the date, location and hours of each event at which
738 alcohol is served under such permit.

739 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 30-48,
740 as amended by this act, a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit
741 may be a backer or holder of any other permit issued under the
742 provisions of this chapter, [including, but not limited to, a
743 manufacturer permit for a brew pub issued under subsection (g) of
744 section 30-16 or a manufacturer permit for beer and brew pub issued
745 under subsection (h) of section 30-16,] except that a backer or holder of
746 a caterer liquor permit may not be a backer or holder of any other
747 manufacturer permit issued under section 30-16, as amended by this
748 act, or a wholesaler permit issued under section 30-17.

749 (d) The holder of a caterer liquor permit and any other permit
750 issued under the provisions of this chapter that prohibits the off-
751 premises consumption of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt from such
752 prohibition for the purposes of conducting such holder's catering
753 business only.

754 (e) The holder of a caterer liquor permit shall be exempt from the
755 provisions of sections 30-38, 30-52 and 30-54 and from the
756 requirements to affix and maintain a placard, as provided in
757 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 30-39.

758 Sec. 11. Section 30-37l of the general statutes is repealed and the
759 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

760 (a) A wine festival permit shall allow the holder of a manufacturer
761 permit for [a farm winery] wine, cider and mead, issued pursuant to
762 section 30-16, as amended by this act, to participate in a wine festival
763 organized and sponsored by an association that promotes the
764 manufacturing and selling of [farm] wine in this state or such
765 association's not-for-profit subsidiary. Such association or such
766 association's not-for-profit subsidiary shall not organize and sponsor
767 more than two such wine festivals in any calendar year. The
768 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall allow only two such wine
769 festivals in any calendar year, regardless of the number of such [farm
770 winery] permittees or such organizing and sponsoring associations or
771 not-for-profit subsidiaries participating in such wine festivals.

772 (b) A wine festival permit shall authorize: (1) The sale and shipment
773 of wine manufactured by the [farm winery] permittee and sold at such
774 wine festival to persons outside the state; (2) the offering and tasting of
775 free samples of wine to visitors and prospective retail customers for
776 consumption on the grounds of the wine festival; (3) the sale at retail of
777 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of wine for consumption off
778 the grounds of the wine festival; and (4) the sale at retail of wine by the
779 glass or receptacle, provided the glass or receptacle is embossed or
780 otherwise permanently labeled with the name and date of the wine
781 festival.

782 (c) No farm winery permittee may sell, offer or give to any person
783 or entity wine not manufactured by such farm winery.

784 (d) Only two wine festival permits may be issued per calendar year

785 pursuant to this section by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection
786 to each holder of a manufacturer permit for [a farm winery] wine,
787 cider and mead. A wine festival permit shall not be effective for more
788 than three consecutive days per calendar year. The fee for a wine
789 festival permit shall be seventy-five dollars.

790 Sec. 12. Section 30-62c of the general statutes is repealed and the
791 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

792 (a) The holder of an alcoholic liquor permit issued by the
793 Department of Consumer Protection pursuant to subsections (b) to
794 [(h)] (e), inclusive, of section 30-16, as amended by this act, or an agent
795 of such permit holder, shall furnish potable water without charge to
796 any person on the permit premises requesting such water or shall offer
797 nonalcoholic beverages for sale to such person.

798 (b) A permittee or such permittee's agent shall not be required to
799 furnish such water or offer nonalcoholic beverages for sale during the
800 hours and days that the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor is
801 prohibited pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-91, as amended by
802 this act. Such potable water shall meet all federal and state
803 requirements concerning purity of drinking water and shall be
804 supplied in a receptacle suitable to permit the individual consumption
805 of not less than six ounces per serving.

806 (c) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion,
807 suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew an alcoholic liquor permit
808 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-47 if the department has
809 reasonable cause to believe a permittee has violated any provision of
810 this section.

811 Sec. 13. Section 30-37o of the general statutes is repealed and the
812 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

813 (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall issue a farmers'
814 market wine sales permit to a holder of a manufacturer permit for [a

815 farm winery] wine, cider and mead upon submission of proof to the
816 commissioner that such holder is in compliance with the requirements
817 of subsection [(e)] (c) of section 30-16, as amended by this act. Such
818 permit shall authorize the sale of [wine] products manufactured from
819 such [farm winery] permittee during an unlimited number of
820 appearances at a farmers' market at not more than ten farmers' market
821 locations per year provided such holder: (1) Has an invitation from
822 such farmers' market to sell [wine] such products at such farmers'
823 market, (2) only sells [wine] such products by the bottle at such
824 farmers' markets, and (3) is present, or has an authorized
825 representative present, at the time of sale of any such [bottle of wine]
826 product from such [farm winery] permit holder at such farmers'
827 market. Any such [farmers' market wine sales] permit shall be valid for
828 a period of one year from the date of issuance. The annual fee for [a
829 farmers' market wine sales] such permit shall be two hundred fifty
830 dollars. There shall be a one-hundred-dollar, nonrefundable filing fee
831 for any such permit.

832 (b) Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or zoning
833 regulation, prohibit the sale of [wine] such products by the holder of [a
834 farmers' market wine sales] such permit at a farmers' market held in
835 such town or municipality.

836 Sec. 14. Section 30-48 of the general statutes is repealed and the
837 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

838 (a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or
839 permittee of any other permit class except in the case of any class of
840 airport, railroad, airline and boat permits, and except that: (1) A backer
841 of a hotel or restaurant permit may be a backer of both such classes; (2)
842 a holder or backer of a [manufacturer permit for a brew pub, a]
843 restaurant permit or a cafe permit may be a holder or backer of any
844 other or all of such classes; (3) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit
845 may be a holder or backer of a bowling establishment permit; (4) a
846 backer of a restaurant permit may be a backer of a coliseum permit or a

847 coliseum concession permit, or both, when such restaurant is within a
848 coliseum; (5) a backer of a hotel permit may be a backer of a coliseum
849 permit or a coliseum concession permit, or both; (6) a backer of a
850 coliseum permit may be a backer of a coliseum concession permit; (7) a
851 backer of a coliseum concession permit may be a backer of a coliseum
852 permit; (8) a backer of a grocery store beer permit may be a backer of a
853 package store permit if such was the case on or before May 1, 1996; (9)
854 a backer of a university permit may be a backer of a nonprofit theater
855 permit; (10) subject to the discretion of the department, a backer of a
856 permit provided for in section 30-33b, may be a backer of any other
857 retail on-premise consumption permit, including those permits
858 provided for in section 30-33b; (11) a backer of a nonprofit theater
859 permit may be a holder or backer of a hotel permit; (12) a holder or
860 backer of a restaurant permit may be a holder or backer of a special
861 outing facility permit; (13) a backer of a concession permit may be a
862 backer of a coliseum permit or a coliseum concession permit, or both;
863 (14) a holder of an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine may
864 be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit or an out-of-state entity
865 wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37m, or of both such
866 permits; (15) a holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic
867 liquor other than beer may be a holder of an in-state transporter's
868 permit; and (16) a holder of a manufacturer permit for [a farm winery]
869 wine, cider and mead may be a holder of an in-state transporter's
870 permit, a wine festival permit issued pursuant to section 30-37l, as
871 amended by this act, a farmers' market wine sales permit issued
872 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-37o, as amended by this act, an
873 off-site [farm winery sales and] tasting permit issued pursuant to
874 section 30-16a, as amended by this act, or of any combination of such
875 permits. [; and (17) a holder of a manufacturer permit for beer,
876 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, manufacturer permit for beer and
877 brew pub or manufacturer permit for a farm brewery may be a holder
878 of a farmers' market beer sales permit issued pursuant to section 30-
879 37r. Any person may be a permittee of more than one permit.] A
880 person may be a permittee under a permit provided for in section 30-

881 33b and a backer of any other retail on-premise consumption permit,
882 including those permits provided for in section 30-33b. The operator of
883 a racing or jai alai exhibition with pari-mutuel betting licensed by the
884 Department of Consumer Protection may be a backer of any permit
885 provided for in section 30-33b. No holder of a manufacturer permit for
886 a brew pub and no spouse or child of such holder may be a holder or
887 backer of more than three restaurant permits or cafe permits.

888 (b) No permittee or backer thereof and no employee or agent of
889 such permittee or backer shall borrow money or receive credit in any
890 form for a period in excess of thirty days, directly or indirectly, from
891 any manufacturer permittee, or backer thereof, or from any wholesaler
892 permittee, or backer thereof, of alcoholic liquor or from any member of
893 the family of such manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or from
894 any stockholder in a corporation manufacturing or wholesaling such
895 liquor, and no manufacturer permittee or backer thereof or wholesaler
896 permittee or backer thereof or member of the family of either of such
897 permittees or of any such backer, and no stockholder of a corporation
898 manufacturing or wholesaling such liquor shall lend money or
899 otherwise extend credit, directly or indirectly, to any such permittee or
900 backer thereof or to the employee or agent of any such permittee or
901 backer. A wholesaler permittee or backer, or a manufacturer permittee
902 or backer, that has not received payment in full from a retailer
903 permittee or backer within thirty days after the date such credit was
904 extended to such retailer or backer or to an employee or agent of any
905 such retailer or backer, shall give a written notice of obligation to such
906 retailer within the five days following the expiration of the thirty-day
907 period of credit. The notice of obligation shall state: The amount due;
908 the date credit was extended; the date the thirty-day period ended, and
909 that the retailer is in violation of this section. A retailer who disputes
910 the accuracy of the "notice of obligation" shall, within the ten days
911 following the expiration of the thirty-day period of credit, give a
912 written response to notice of obligation to the department and give a
913 copy to the wholesaler or manufacturer who sent the notice. The
914 response shall state the retailer's basis for dispute and the amount, if

915 any, admitted to be owed for more than thirty days; the copy
916 forwarded to the wholesaler or manufacturer shall be accompanied by
917 the amount admitted to be due, if any, and such payment shall be
918 made and received without prejudice to the rights of either party in
919 any civil action. Upon receipt of the retailer's response, the chairman of
920 the commission or such chairman's designee shall conduct an informal
921 hearing with the parties being given equal opportunity to appear and
922 be heard. If the chairman or such chairman's designee determines that
923 the notice of obligation is accurate, the department shall forthwith
924 issue an order directing the wholesaler or manufacturer to promptly
925 give all manufacturers and wholesalers engaged in the business of
926 selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state, a "notice of
927 delinquency". The notice of delinquency shall identify the delinquent
928 retailer, and state the amount due and the date of the expiration of the
929 thirty-day credit period. No wholesaler or manufacturer receiving a
930 notice of delinquency shall extend credit by the sale of alcoholic liquor
931 or otherwise to such delinquent retailer until after the manufacturer or
932 wholesaler has received a "notice of satisfaction" from the sender of the
933 notice of delinquency. If the chairman or such chairman's designee
934 determines that the notice of obligation is inaccurate, the department
935 shall forthwith issue an order prohibiting a notice of delinquency. The
936 party for whom the determination by the chairman or such chairman's
937 designee was adverse, shall promptly pay to the department a part of
938 the cost of the proceedings as determined by the chairman or such
939 chairman's designee, which shall not be less than fifty dollars. The
940 department may suspend or revoke the permit of any permittee who,
941 in bad faith, gives an incorrect notice of obligation, an incorrect
942 response to notice of obligation, or an unauthorized notice of
943 delinquency. If the department does not receive a response to the
944 notice of obligation within such ten-day period, the delinquency shall
945 be deemed to be admitted and the wholesaler or manufacturer who
946 sent the notice of obligation shall, within the three days following the
947 expiration of such ten-day period, give a notice of delinquency to the
948 department and to all wholesalers and manufacturers engaged in the

949 business of selling alcoholic liquor to retailers in this state. A notice of
950 delinquency identifying a retailer who does not file a response within
951 such ten-day period shall have the same effect as a notice of
952 delinquency given by order of the chairman or such chairman's
953 designee. A wholesaler permittee or manufacturer permittee that has
954 given a notice of delinquency and that receives full payment for the
955 credit extended, shall, within three days after the date of full payment,
956 give a notice of satisfaction to the department and to all wholesalers
957 and manufacturers to whom a notice of delinquency was sent. The
958 prohibition against extension of credit to such retailer shall be void
959 upon such full payment. The department may revoke or suspend any
960 permit for a violation of this section. An appeal from an order of
961 revocation or suspension issued in accordance with this section may be
962 taken in accordance with section 30-60.

963 (c) If there is a proposed change or change in ownership of a retail
964 permit premises, no application for a permit shall be approved until
965 the applicant files with the department an affidavit executed by the
966 seller of the retail permit premises stating that all obligations of the
967 predecessor permittee for the purchase of alcoholic liquor at such
968 permit premises have been paid or that such applicant did not receive
969 direct or indirect consideration from the predecessor permittee. If a
970 wholesaler permittee alleges the applicant received direct or indirect
971 consideration from the predecessor permittee or that there remain
972 outstanding liquor obligations, such wholesaler permittee may file
973 with the department an affidavit, along with supporting
974 documentation to establish receipt of such consideration or
975 outstanding liquor obligations. The Commissioner of Consumer
976 Protection, in the commissioner's sole discretion, shall determine
977 whether a hearing is warranted on such allegations. The commissioner
978 may waive the requirement of such seller's affidavit upon finding that
979 (1) the predecessor permittee abandoned the premises prior to the
980 filing of the application, and (2) such permittee did not receive any
981 consideration, direct or indirect, for such permittee's abandonment.
982 For the purposes of this subsection, "consideration" means the receipt

983 of legal tender or goods or services for the purchase of alcoholic liquor
984 remaining on the premises of the predecessor permittee, for which bills
985 remain unpaid.

986 (d) A permittee may file a designation of an authorized agent with
987 the department to issue or receive all notices or documents provided
988 for in this section. The permittee shall be responsible for the issuance
989 or receipt of such notices or documents by the agent.

990 (e) The period of credit permitted under this section shall be
991 calculated as the time elapsing between the date of receipt of the
992 alcoholic liquors by the purchaser and the date of full legal discharge
993 of the purchaser through the payment of cash or its equivalent from all
994 indebtedness arising from the transaction except that, if the last day for
995 payment falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the last day for
996 payment shall then be the next business day.

997 Sec. 15. Section 30-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the
998 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2020*):

999 (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in
1000 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of
1001 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel
1002 permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, restaurant permits for
1003 catering establishments, bowling establishment permits, racquetball
1004 facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits, coliseum concession
1005 permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting
1006 facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest
1007 permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting
1008 facility bar permits, golf country club permits, nonprofit public
1009 museum permits, university permits, airport restaurant permits,
1010 airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, a
1011 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, manufacturer permits for beer
1012 and brew pubs, casino permits, caterer liquor permits and charitable
1013 organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday,
1014 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock

1015 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two
1016 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of
1017 two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for
1018 alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the
1019 hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which
1020 Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in
1021 section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock
1022 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January
1023 first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three
1024 o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

1025 (b) Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance,
1026 reduce the number of hours during which sales under subsection (a) of
1027 this section, except sales pursuant to an airport restaurant permit,
1028 airport bar permit or airport airline club permit, shall be permissible.
1029 In all cases when a town, either by vote of a town meeting or by
1030 ordinance, has acted on the sale of alcoholic liquor or the reduction of
1031 the number of hours when such sale is permissible, such action shall
1032 become effective on the first day of the month succeeding such action
1033 and no further action shall be taken until at least one year has elapsed
1034 since the previous action was taken.

1035 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
1036 section, such sale or dispensing or consumption or presence in glasses
1037 in places operating under a bowling establishment permit shall be
1038 unlawful before eleven a.m. on any day, except in that portion of the
1039 permit premises which is located in a separate room or rooms entry to
1040 which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment, is by means of
1041 a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times except to permit
1042 entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any alcoholic liquor
1043 sold or dispensed in a place operating under a bowling establishment
1044 permit shall be served in containers such as, but not limited to, plastic
1045 or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance,
1046 reduce the number of hours during which sales under this subsection
1047 shall be permissible.

1048 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating
1049 under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer
1050 permits for beer, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs,
1051 manufacturer permits for a farm brewery, manufacturer permits for
1052 farm distilleries or grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on
1053 Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day or Christmas; and such sale or
1054 dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating under package store
1055 permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for beer,
1056 manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs, manufacturer permits
1057 for a farm brewery, manufacturer permits for farm distilleries and
1058 grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten
1059 o'clock a.m. and after six o'clock p.m. and on any other day before
1060 eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. It shall be unlawful for the
1061 holder of a manufacturer permit for a brew pub to sell beer for
1062 consumption off the premises on the days or hours prohibited by this
1063 subsection. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by
1064 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be
1065 permissible.

1066 (e) (1) In the case of any premises operating under a tavern permit,
1067 wherein, under the provisions of this section, the sale of alcoholic
1068 liquor is forbidden on certain days or hours of the day, or during the
1069 period when a tavern permit is suspended, it shall likewise be
1070 unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit it to be occupied by,
1071 the public on such days or hours.

1072 (2) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit, it shall
1073 be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit such premises to
1074 be occupied by, the public between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and
1075 six o'clock a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
1076 Friday and between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m.
1077 on Saturday and Sunday or during any period of time when such
1078 permit is suspended, provided the sale or the dispensing or
1079 consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe
1080 permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or

1081 dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this
1082 section.

1083 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, in the case of any
1084 premises operating under a tavern or cafe permit, it shall be lawful for
1085 such premises to be open to, or be occupied by, the public when such
1086 premises is being used as a site for film, television, video or digital
1087 production eligible for a film production tax credit pursuant to section
1088 12-217jj, provided the sale or the dispensing or consumption of alcohol
1089 on such premises operating under such tavern or cafe permit shall be
1090 prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or the dispensing
1091 or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.

1092 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine,
1093 cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by volume, apple wine not
1094 exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by volume, apple brandy, eau-de-vie
1095 and mead by visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee
1096 holding a manufacturer permit for [a farm winery] wine, cider and
1097 mead on the premises of such permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday
1098 before ten o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. and on any other day
1099 before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by
1100 vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours
1101 during which sales and the tasting of free samples of [wine] products
1102 under this subsection shall be permissible.

1103 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
1104 food or nonalcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed or consumed
1105 in places operating under an airport restaurant permit, an airport bar
1106 permit or an airport airline club permit, at any time, as allowed by
1107 agreement between the Connecticut Airport Authority and its lessees
1108 or concessionaires. In the case of premises operating under an airport
1109 airline club permit, the sale, dispensing or consumption or the
1110 presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the
1111 consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual shall be unlawful on:
1112 (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the

1113 hours of one o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m., (2) Saturday and Sunday
1114 between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m., (3)
1115 Christmas, except for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also
1116 available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the
1117 day on which Christmas falls, and (4) January first between the hours
1118 of three o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m.

1119 (h) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in
1120 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of
1121 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under a nonprofit
1122 golf tournament permit shall be unlawful on any day prior to nine
1123 o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m.

1124 (i) The tasting of free samples of beer by visitors of a permittee
1125 holding a manufacturing permit for beer on the premises of such
1126 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
1127 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.
1128 and after eight o'clock p.m. Nothing in this section shall be construed
1129 to limit the right of a holder of such permit to conduct manufacturing
1130 operations at any time. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or
1131 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which the tasting and
1132 free samples of beer under this subsection shall be permissible.

1133 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
1134 permittee to continue the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor until
1135 the closing hour established under this section.

1136 (k) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by
1137 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a wine
1138 festival permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued
1139 pursuant to section 30-37l or 30-37m shall be unlawful on Sunday
1140 before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m., and on any
1141 other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town
1142 may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of
1143 hours during which the retail sale of wine and the tasting of free
1144 samples of wine pursuant to this subsection shall be permissible.

1145 (l) The sale of wine at a farmers' market by a permittee holding a
 1146 farmers' market wine sales permit pursuant to subsection (a) of section
 1147 30-37o, as amended by this act, shall be unlawful on any day before
 1148 eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock p.m., provided such permittee
 1149 shall not sell such wine at a farmers' market at any time during such
 1150 hours that the farmers' market is not open to the public. Any town
 1151 may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of
 1152 hours during which sales of wine under this subsection shall be
 1153 permissible.

1154 (m) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
 1155 it shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section
 1156 30-37k, to allow the presence of alcoholic liquor in glasses or other
 1157 receptacles suitable to permit the consumption thereof by an
 1158 individual at any time on its gaming facility, as defined in subsection
 1159 (a) of section 30-37k, provided such alcoholic liquor shall not be served
 1160 to a patron of such casino during the hours specified in subsection (a)
 1161 of this section. For purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to
 1162 permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor" shall not include bottles of
 1163 distilled spirits or bottles of wine.

1164 Sec. 16. Section 30-37r of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1165 *January 1, 2020*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	12-435
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-1
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-16
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-37p
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-37q
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-63
Sec. 7	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-68l
Sec. 8	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-16a
Sec. 9	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-19f
Sec. 10	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-37j

Sec. 11	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-37l
Sec. 12	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-62c
Sec. 13	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-37o
Sec. 14	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-48
Sec. 15	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	30-91
Sec. 16	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	Repealer section

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