Offered by:
SEN. KELLY, 21st Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 647      File No. 592      Cal. No. 287

(As Amended)

"AN ACT STREAMLINING THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT."

1 Strike subsection (c) of section 4 in its entirety and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:
3
4 "(c) A manufacturer permit for cider not exceeding [six] seven per
5 cent alcohol by volume and [apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent
6 alcohol by volume] mead shall allow (1) the manufacture, storage,
7 bottling and wholesale distribution and sale at retail of such cider and
8 [apple wine] mead to permittees and nonpermittees in this state as
9 may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall be issued unless the
10 place or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the approval
11 of the department; (2) the sale and shipment by the holder of such
12 permit of such cider and [such apple wine] mead to persons outside
13 the state and to consumers in this state in the same manner and subject
14 to the same conditions as such sale and shipment is permitted for wine

this section; [and] (3) the offering and tasting, on the premises of the
permittee, of free samples of cider and [apple wine] mead
manufactured on such premises; and (4) the sale at retail on the
premises of such cider and mead by the glass to visitors on the
premises for consumption on such premises. Tastings shall not exceed
two ounces per patron and such tastings and retail sale of cider and
mead by the glass to visitors shall not be allowed on such premises on
Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and on
any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No
tasting shall be offered to or allowed to be consumed by any minor or
intoxicated person. Offerings and tastings may be limited to visitors
who have attended a tour of the premises of the permittee. The annual
fee for a manufacturer permit for cider and mead shall be two hundred
dollars. For purposes of this subsection, "mead" means fermented
honey, with or without adjunct ingredients or additions, regardless of
alcohol content, regardless of process and regardless of being
sparkling, carbonated or still."

Strike subsection (a) of section 5 in its entirety and substitute the
following in lieu thereof:

"(a) A manufacturer permit shall allow the manufacture of alcoholic
liquor and the storage, bottling and wholesale distribution and sale of
alcoholic liquor manufactured or bottled to permittees in this state and
without the state as may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall
be granted unless the place or the plan of the place of manufacture has
received the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection. The
holder of a manufacturer permit who produces less than twenty-five
thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in a calendar year may sell at
retail from the premises sealed bottles or other sealed containers of
alcoholic liquor manufactured on the premises for consumption off the
premises, provided such holder shall not sell to any one consumer
more than one and one-half liters of alcoholic liquor per day nor more
than five gallons of alcoholic liquor in any two-month period. Retail
sales by a holder of a manufacturer permit shall occur only on the days
and times permitted under subsection (d) of section 30-91L, as amended
by this act. A holder of a manufacturer permit, alone or in combination
with any parent or subsidiary business or related or affiliated party,
who sells more than ten thousand gallons of alcoholic liquor in any
calendar year may not sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale to retail
permittees within this state. Such permit shall also authorize the
offering and tasting, on the premises of the permittee, of free samples
of spirits distilled on the premises. Tastings shall not exceed two
ounces per patron per day and shall not be allowed on such premises
on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. and
on any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. No
tastings shall be offered to or allowed to be consumed by any minor or
intoxicated person. A holder of a manufacturer permit may apply for
and shall receive an out-of-state shipper's permit for manufacturing
plants and warehouse locations outside the state owned by such
manufacturer or a subsidiary corporation thereof, at least eighty-five
per cent of the voting stock of which is owned by such manufacturer,
to bring into any of its plants or warehouses in the state alcoholic
liquors for reprocessing, repackaging, reshipment or sale either (1)
within the state to wholesaler permittees not owned or controlled by
such manufacturer, or (2) outside the state. The annual fee for a
manufacturer permit shall be one thousand eight hundred fifty
dollars."

Strike subsection (d) of section 5 in its entirety and renumber the
internal references accordingly

Strike subsection (a) of section 6 in its entirety and substitute the
following in lieu thereof:

"(a) A gift basket retailer permit shall allow the retail sale of wine or
beer. Such wine or beer shall be included in a gift basket sold at retail
by the permit holder. Such wine or beer shall not be consumed on the
premises. [Such permit] The holder of a gift basket retailer permit shall
be located in this state and such wine or beer shall only be purchased
by such permit holder from the holder of a package store permit issued
pursuant to section 30-20, [or] the holder of a manufacturer permit for
a farm winery issued pursuant to subsection [(e) (c)] of section 30-16, as amended by this act, the holder of a manufacturer permit for cider and mead issued pursuant to subsection (d) of section 30-16, as amended by this act, or the holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued pursuant to subsection (b) of section 30-16, as amended by this act."

Strike subsections (a) and (b) of section 23 in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 23. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2020) (a) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to chapter 545 of the general statutes who manufactures alcoholic liquor, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on a farm in this state, using farm products grown in this state, may apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture for permission to use the words "Connecticut Farm Winery", "Connecticut Farm Brewery", "Connecticut Farm Cidery", or substantially similar words, as approved by the commissioner, when advertising or promoting such alcoholic liquor. Not less than twenty-five per cent of the permittee's total annual alcoholic liquor product ingredients shall be grown in this state. Prior to using such words in its advertising or product promotion, and annually thereafter, the permittee shall submit an application to the commissioner, upon a form approved by the commissioner, accompanied by a registration fee of twenty-five dollars.

(b) The holder of a permit issued pursuant to chapter 545 of the general statutes who manufactures alcoholic liquor, as defined in section 30-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, using farm products grown in this state, may apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture for permission to use the words "Connecticut Grown", when advertising or promoting such alcoholic liquor. Not less than fifty-one per cent of the permittee's total annual alcoholic liquor product ingredients shall be grown in this state. Prior to using such words in its advertising or product promotion, and annually thereafter, the permittee shall submit an application to the commissioner, accompanied by a registration fee of twenty-five dollars."
commissioner, upon a form approved by the commissioner, accompanied by a registration fee of twenty-five dollars."