

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2519

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE A DISTILLER, WINE MANUFACTURER, BREWER, RECTIFIER,  
3 BLENDER OR BOTTLER TO HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A PREMISES UPON  
4 WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD AT RETAIL UNDER CERTAIN  
5 CONDITIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 67-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 67-1-77. (1) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a  
10 manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit, or anyone connected with  
11 the business of such holder, or for any other distiller, wine  
12 manufacturer, brewer, rectifier, blender or bottler, to have any  
13 financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic  
14 beverage is sold at retail by any permittee, or in the business  
15 conducted by such permittee; \* \* \* however:

16 (a) The holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's  
17 permit may contract for the service of a representative in the  
18 area of governmental affairs on a part-time basis with a holder of  
19 an on-premises permit; and

20 (b) A distiller, wine manufacturer, brewer, rectifier,  
21 blender or bottler may have a financial interest in a premises  
22 upon which alcoholic beverages are sold at retail by a permittee,  
23 or in the business conducted by a permittee, if the permittee does  
24 not sell or serve any alcoholic beverages that are distilled,  
25 manufactured, brewed, rectified, blended or bottled by the  
26 distiller, wine manufacturer, brewer, rectifier, blender or  
27 bottler having a financial interest in the premises.

28           (2) It shall also be unlawful for any such person, or anyone  
29 connected with his, its, or their business to lend any money or  
30 make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any retail permittee,  
31 except as authorized by regulations of the commission, to the  
32 holder of any retail permit issued under the provisions of this  
33 chapter. Except as above provided, no retail permittee shall  
34 accept, receive, or make use of any money or gift furnished by any  
35 such person, or become indebted to such person except for the  
36 purchase of alcoholic beverages.

37           (3) The commission shall not prohibit the furnishing of  
38 advertising specialties, printed materials, or other things having  
39 nominal value to a retail permittee. This section shall not be  
40 construed to prohibit the possession by any person of advertising  
41 specialties, printed materials, or other things having nominal  
42 value furnished by a retail permittee.

43           (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section  
44 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than  
45 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more  
46 than two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the  
47 discretion of the court.

48           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
49 and after its passage.