MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 846

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 67-3-3, 67-3-17, 67-3-19, 67-3-22, 1 2 67-3-28, 67-3-45, 67-3-55, 27-71-301 AND 27-71-307, MISSISSIPPI 3 CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "LARGE CRAFT BREWERY" AND "SMALL CRAFT BREWERY" AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BREWPUB" 4 5 UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF BEER AND 6 LIGHT WINE; TO PROVIDE THAT A LARGE CRAFT BREWERY SHALL HAVE THE 7 PRIVILEGE OF SELLING MALT BEVERAGES, BEER, AND LIGHT WINE PRODUCTS ON ITS LICENSED PREMISES AND A SMALL CRAFT BREWERY SHALL HAVE THE 8 9 PRIVILEGE OF SELLING MALT BEVERAGES, BEER, AND LIGHT WINE PRODUCTS ON ITS LICENSED PREMISES AND AT ONE SECONDARY LOCATION; TO REVISE 10 11 CERTAIN PRODUCTION LIMITS FOR BREWPUBS UNDER THE BEER LAWS AND 12 LIGHT WINE LAWS; TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE CRAFT BREWERIES AND SMALL 13 CRAFT BREWERIES MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REPORTING AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO 14 15 MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS AND WHOLESALERS SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A 16 SMALL CRAFT BREWERY FROM OWNING A BREWPUB; TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE 17 CRAFT BREWERIES AND SMALL CRAFT BREWERIES HAVING A PERMIT TO 18 MANUFACTURE OR BREW BEER AND WHO OPERATE A BREWERY MAY SELL BEER, MALT BEVERAGE PRODUCTS, AND LIGHT WINE PRODUCED AT THE BREWERY FOR 19 20 BOTH ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, PROVIDED THAT SUCH BEER, MALT BEVERAGE PRODUCTS AND LIGHT WINE ARE 21 22 ALSO MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO WHOLESALERS; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT 23 OF SUCH SALES THAT MAY BE MADE BY LARGE CRAFT BREWERIES AND SMALL 24 CRAFT BREWERIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 26

27 amended as follows:

28 67-3-3. When used in this chapter, unless the context

29 indicates otherwise:

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30 (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of
31 the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, and his
32 authorized agents and employees;

33 (b) "Person" means one or more persons, a company, a34 corporation, a partnership, a syndicate or an association;

35 (c) "Manufacturer" and "retailer" include brewpubs
36 licensed pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi
37 Code of 1972, unless otherwise clearly provided;

38 (d) "Beer" means a malt beverage as defined in the
39 Federal Alcohol Administration Act and any rules and regulations
40 adopted pursuant to such act of an alcoholic content of not more
41 than eight percent (8%) by weight; and

42 (e) "Light wine" means wine of an alcoholic content of43 not more than five percent (5%) by weight.

(f) "Large craft brewery" means a manufacturer licensee
that is actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of
malt beverages, beer and light wine on the manufacturer's licensed
premises and manufactures more than two hundred twenty-five
thousand (225,000) barrels of such malt beverages, beer and light
wine per year in the aggregate.

50 (g) "Small craft brewery" means a manufacturer licensee 51 that is actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of 52 malt beverages, beer and light wine on the manufacturer's licensed 53 premises and manufactures not more than two hundred twenty-five

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54 <u>thousand (225,000)</u> barrels of such malt beverages, beer and light 55 wine per year in the aggregate.

56 SECTION 2. Section 67-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 57 amended as follows:

58 67-3-17. (1) Any person desiring to engage in any business 59 taxable under Sections 27-71-303 through 27-71-317, Mississippi Code of 1972, either as a retailer, or as a wholesaler or 60 61 distributor, or as a manufacturer, of light wines or beer, shall 62 file with the commissioner an application for a permit allowing him to engage in such business. The application for a permit 63 64 shall contain a statement showing the name of the business, and if a partnership, firm, association or limited liability company, the 65 66 name of each partner or member, and if a corporation the names of 67 two (2) principal officers, the post office address, and the 68 nature of business in which engaged. In case any business is 69 conducted at two (2) or more separate places, a separate permit 70 for each place of business shall be required. The commissioner shall prescribe the form of the application and designate who is 71 72 required to sign the application. The application shall be signed 73 under penalty of perjury. Notwithstanding any provision of this 74 section or any other law to the contrary, a large craft brewery 75 shall have the privilege of selling malt beverages, beer, and 76 light wine products on its licensed premises and a small craft 77 brewery shall have the privilege of selling malt beverages, beer, 78 and light wine products on its licensed premises and at one (1)

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79 secondary location. The secondary location of the small craft

80 brewery can be located no further than the immediately adjacent

81 county to the brewery premises.

The application shall include a statement that the 82 (2)83 applicant will not, except as otherwise authorized in this 84 chapter, allow any alcoholic beverages as defined in Section 67-1-5, any beer having an alcoholic content of more than eight 85 86 percent (8%) by weight or any wine, having an alcoholic content of 87 more than five percent (5%) by weight, to be kept, stored or secreted in or on the premises described in such permit or 88 89 license, and that the applicant will not otherwise violate any law 90 of this state, or knowingly allow any other person to violate any 91 such law, while in or on such premises.

92 (3) Each application or filing made under this section shall
93 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
94 accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

95 SECTION 3. Section 67-3-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 96 amended as follows:

97 67-3-19. Where application is made for a permit to engage in 98 the business of a retailer of light wine or beer, the applicant 99 shall show in his application that he possesses the following 100 qualifications:

101 (a) Applicant must be a person at least twenty-one (21)
102 years of age, of good moral character and a resident of the State
103 of Mississippi.

H. B. No. 846 ~ OFFICIAL ~ 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 4 (BS\KW) (b) Applicant shall not have been convicted of a felony, or of pandering or of keeping or maintaining a house of prostitution, or have been convicted within two (2) years of the date of his application of any violation of the laws of this state or the laws of the United States relating to alcoholic liquor.

(c) Applicant shall not have had revoked, except for a violation of Section 67-3-52, within two (2) years next preceding his application, any license or permit issued to him pursuant to the laws of this state, or any other state, to sell alcoholic liquor of any kind.

(d) Applicant shall be the owner of the premises for which the permit is sought or the holder of an existing lease thereon.

(e) Applicant shall not be residentially domiciled with any person whose permit has been revoked for cause, except for a violation of Section 67-3-52, within two (2) years next preceding the date of the present application for a permit.

(f) The applicant has not had any license or permit to sell beer or light wine at retail revoked, within five (5) years next preceding his application, due to a violation of Section 67-3-52.

(g) Applicant shall not employ any person whose permit has been revoked when such person owned or operated the business on the premises for which a permit is sought or allow such person

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130 (h) The applicant is not indebted to the State of131 Mississippi for any taxes.

(i) If applicant is a partnership * * * or limited
liability company, all officers and any partners or members owning
more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding partnership or
membership interest shall possess all of the qualifications
required herein for any individual permittee.

137 (j) If applicant is a corporation, all officers and 138 directors thereof, and any stockholder owning more than five percent (5%) of the stock of such corporation, and the person or 139 140 persons who shall conduct and manage the licensed premises for the corporation shall possess all the qualifications required herein 141 for any individual permittee. However, the requirements as to 142 143 residence shall not apply to officers, directors and stockholders 144 of such corporation.

Any misstatement or concealment of fact in an application shall be ground for denial of the application or for revocation of the permit issued thereon.

The commissioner may refuse to issue a permit to an applicant for a place that is frequented by known criminals, prostitutes, or other law violators or troublemakers who disturb the peace and quietude of the community and frequently require the assistance of peace officers to apprehend such law violators or to restore

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 6 (BS\KW) 153 order. The burden of proof of establishing the foregoing shall 154 rest upon the commissioner.

155 SECTION 4. Section 67-3-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 156 amended as follows:

157 67-3-22. (1) The production limits for a brewpub shall be 158 based upon production as determined by the State Tax Commission 159 pursuant to Section 27-71-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall 160 be limited as follows:

161 (a) A stand alone restaurant shall not manufacture more 162 than sixty-two thousand (62,000) gallons of light wine or beer per 163 <u>calendar year.</u>

164 (* * *<u>b</u>) A stand-alone restaurant * * * operated by a 165 hospitality operator with less than fifty (50) guest rooms in the 166 aggregate shall not manufacture more than forty thousand three 167 hundred (40,300) gallons of light wine or beer per calendar year.

168 $(* * *\underline{c})$ A restaurant operated by a hospitality 169 operator with fifty (50) or more guest rooms in the aggregate but 170 less than five hundred (500) guest rooms in the aggregate shall 171 not manufacture more than sixty thousand (60,000) gallons of light 172 wine or beer per calendar year.

173 (***<u>d</u>) A restaurant operated by a hospitality 174 operator with five hundred (500) or more guest rooms in the 175 aggregate but less than one thousand (1,000) guest rooms in the 176 aggregate shall not manufacture more than seventy-five thousand 177 (75,000) gallons of light wine or beer per calendar year.

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 7 (BS\KW) 178 (***<u>e</u>) A restaurant operated by a hospitality 179 operator with one thousand (1,000) or more guest rooms in the 180 aggregate shall not manufacture more than ninety-nine thousand 181 (99,000) gallons of light wine or beer per calendar year.

182 (2) Light wine or beer produced at a brewpub shall not be
183 sold at a price less than it cost to manufacture such light wine
184 or beer.

185 (3) Except for brewpubs described in subsection (1)(a) 186 of this section, light wine or beer manufactured by a brewpub 187 shall not be sold away from the premises of such brewpub (as defined in Section 27-71-301, Mississippi Code of 1972) and shall 188 189 not be packaged in any form that it may be carried away from the premises; provided, however, that the final one hundred (100) 190 191 gallons of beer within a fermenting tank may be placed in kegs for 192 sale on the premises to facilitate transition from one fermenting 193 tank to another.

(4) A brewpub shall be required to offer for sale light wine
or beer that is normally carried on the inventory of wholesalers
or distributors of light wine or beer.

(5) As used in this section, the term "hospitality operator" means a business that operates guest rooms that at any one time will accommodate transient guests on a daily or weekly basis in conjunction with a brewpub at one (1) location or facility.

201 SECTION 5. Section 67-3-28, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 202 amended as follows:

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 8 (BS\KW) 203 67-3-28. (1) Any person desiring to engage in business as a 204 brewpub, any large craft brewery, and any small craft brewery 205 shall file with the commissioner, along with the application 206 required by Section 67-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, a 207 certificate issued by a licensed testing laboratory indicating 208 that such laboratory has tested a sample of the applicant's beer 209 or light wine, or both, and that the alcohol content of such 210 sample of beer does not exceed eight percent (8%) by weight and 211 the alcoholic content of such light wine does not exceed five 212 percent (5%) by weight.

213 (2) Every brewpub, every large craft brewery, and every 214 small craft brewery shall be required to submit to random testing 215 by the commissioner to determine whether any beer being 216 manufactured, sold, kept, stored or secreted by the license holder contains an alcohol content greater than eight percent (8%) by 217 218 weight and any light wine being manufactured, sold, kept, stored 219 or secreted by the license holder contains an alcoholic content 220 greater than five percent (5%) by weight. The commissioner shall 221 establish and administer testing standards and procedures to be 222 used in such random testing. The brewpub licensee shall be 223 responsible for all costs incurred by the commissioner in 224 conducting random testing under this section.

225 SECTION 6. Section 67-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 226 amended as follows:

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 9 (BS\KW) 227 67-3-45. No manufacturer, distributor or wholesale dealer to 228 whom or to which this chapter applies shall:

(a) Make any loan, directly or indirectly, or furnish
any fixtures of any kind, directly or indirectly, to any retail
dealer in light wines and/or beer;

(b) Have any interest, direct or indirect, in the business of or in the furnishings or fixtures or in the premises used by any such retail dealer in connection with his or its business;

(c) Have any lien on any such property of any suchretail dealer; or

(d) Sell light wines and/or beer to any such retaildealer on credit.

This section shall not apply to a brewpub licensed pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972<u>, and</u> expressly permits any small craft brewery to own and operate a brewpub so long as both facilities fully comply with all

244 applicable federal and state laws.

245 SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 246 67-3-48, Mississippi Code of 1972:

247 <u>67-3-48.</u> (1) A large craft brewery having a permit to 248 manufacture or brew beer under this chapter and who operates a 249 brewery under this chapter may sell beer, malt beverage products 250 and light wine produced by it at the brewery for both on-premises 251 consumption and off-premises consumption, provided that such beer,

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 10 (BS\KW) 252 malt beverage products and light wine are also made available for 253 sale to wholesalers.

(2) A small craft brewery having a permit to
 manufacture or brew beer under this chapter and who operates a
 brewery under this chapter may:

(a) Sell beer, malt beverage products and light wine
produced by it at the brewery and at a secondary retail location
that is not part of the brewery premises for both on-premises
consumption and off-premises consumption, provided that such beer,
malt beverage products and light wine are also made available for
sale to wholesalers;

(b) Transfer beer, malt beverage products and lightwine between the brewery and the secondary location;

(c) Sell beer, malt beverage products and light wine manufactured by other manufacturers at its brewery and at its secondary location, provided that such beer, malt beverage products and light wine are purchased by the small craft brewery from a licensed wholesaler;

(d) Sell packaged beer, malt beverage products and light wine directly to consumers at local farmers' markets and festivals.

(3) Any large craft brewery and any small craft brewery:
(a) Shall only sell beer, malt beverage products and
light wine to individuals twenty-one (21) years of age or older;

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(c) Shall remit appropriate taxes to the Department of Revenue for beer, malt beverage products and light wine sales in an amount equal to and in the manner required for excise taxes assessed by the Department of Revenue;

(d) Shall remit appropriate sales and use taxes to the Department of Revenue for beer, malt beverage products and light wine sales;

(e) Ensure that beer, malt beverage products and light
wine sold for off-premises consumption are being sold for
personal use and not resale and not being sold to anyone holding a
retail permit for the purpose of resale in their establishment.

293 SECTION 8. Section 67-3-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 294 amended as follows:

295 67-3-55. (1) It shall be unlawful for any retailer to 296 possess for purpose of sale, to sell, or to offer to sell any 297 light wine or beer which was not purchased from a wholesaler in 298 this state who has a permit to sell such light wine or beer, 299 except for beer or light wine that was brewed on the premises of 300 the retailer who holds a permit as a brewpub pursuant to Article

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 12 (BS\KW) 301 3, Chapter 71, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. <u>In addition</u>, 302 <u>the prohibitions contained in this subsection shall not apply to a</u> 303 <u>large craft brewery or a small craft brewery.</u>

304 (2) It shall be unlawful for any wholesaler to possess for 305 purpose of sale, to sell, or to offer to sell any light wine or 306 beer which was not purchased from a manufacturer or importer of a 307 foreign manufacturer authorized to sell such light wine or beer in 308 this state.

309 (3) This section shall not apply to beer offered and
310 provided on the premises of a brewery for the purpose of tasting
311 or sampling as authorized in Section 67-3-47 <u>nor shall it apply to</u>
312 <u>beer offered for sale by a large craft brewery or a small craft</u>

313 brewery.

314 SECTION 9. Section 27-71-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 315 amended as follows:

316 27-71-301. When used in this article the words and terms 317 hereafter mentioned shall have the following definitions:

(a) "State Auditor" means the State Auditor of Public
Accounts of the State of Mississippi or any legally appointed
deputy, clerk or agent.

(b) "Person" includes all natural persons or
corporations, a partnership, an association, a joint venture, an
estate, a trust, or any other group or combination acting as a
unit and shall include the plural as well as the singular unless

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 13 (BS\KW) 325 an intention to give another meaning thereto is disclosed in the 326 context.

327 (c) "Consumer" means a person who comes into the 328 possession of beer or light wine, the sale of which is authorized 329 by Chapter 3 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 330 purpose of consuming it, giving it away or otherwise disposing of 331 it in any manner except by sale, barter or exchange.

332 (d) "Retailer" means any person who comes into the 333 possession of such light wines or beer for the purpose of selling 334 it to the consumer, or giving it away, or exposing it where it may 335 be taken or purchased or acquired in any other manner by the 336 consumer; however, the term "retailer" shall not include a person 337 who offers and provides beer on the premises of a brewery for the 338 purpose of tasting or sampling as authorized in Section 67-3-47.

(e) "Wholesaler" means any person who comes into
possession of such light wine or beer for the purpose of selling,
distributing, or giving it away to retailers or other wholesalers
or dealers inside or outside of this state.

343 (f) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of 344 the Department of Revenue or his duly appointed agents or 345 employees.

(g) "Sale" includes the exchange of such light wines or
beer for money, or giving away or distributing any such light
wines or beer for anything of value; however, the term "sale"
shall not include beer offered and provided on the premises of a

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352 (h) "Light wines or beer" means beer and light wines
353 legalized for sale by the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 67,
354 Mississippi Code of 1972.

(i) "Distributor" includes every person who receives
either from within or from without this state, from a brewery, a
winery or any other source, light wines or beer as defined in
Chapter 3 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose
of distributing or otherwise disposing of such light wines or beer
to a wholesaler or retailer of such light wines or beer.

361 "Brewpub" means the premises of any restaurant, as (i) 362 defined in Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, in which 363 light wine or beer is manufactured or brewed, subject to the 364 production limitation imposed in Section 67-3-22 * * *. 365 "Premises," for the purpose of this paragraph (j) for a brewpub 366 operated by a hospitality operator, means only those areas 367 immediately adjacent and connected to the brewing facility where 368 food is normally sold and consumed. "Premises," for the purposes 369 of this paragraph (j) for a brewpub not operated by a hospitality 370 operator, means those areas normally used by the brewpub to 371 conduct business and shall include the selling areas, brewing 372 areas and storage areas. For purposes of this paragraph (j), 373 hospitality operator shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 67-33-22. 374

H. B. No. 846 **~ OFFICIAL ~** 16/HR26/R1091.1 PAGE 15 (BS\KW) 375 (k) "Hospitality cart" means a mobile cart from which 376 alcoholic beverages and light wine and beer are sold on a golf 377 course and for which a hospitality cart permit has been issued 378 under Section 67-1-51.

379 SECTION 10. Section 27-71-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 380 amended as follows:

27 - 71 - 307. (1) 381 In addition to the specific tax imposed (a) 382 in Section 27-71-303, there is hereby imposed, levied, assessed 383 and shall be collected, as hereinafter provided, an excise or 384 privilege tax upon each person engaged or continuing in the 385 business of wholesaler or distributor of light wines or beer 386 equivalent to Forty-two and Sixty-eight One-hundredths Cents 387 (42.68¢) per gallon upon all light wines and beer acquired for 388 sale or distribution in this state. Such excise or privilege tax 389 is also imposed at the same rate upon each gallon of light wine or 390 beer manufactured by brewpubs, each of which shall accurately and 391 reliably measure the quantity of light wine and beer produced by 392 using a measuring device such as a meter or gauge glass or any 393 other suitable method approved by the commissioner. Such tax is 394 hereby imposed as an additional tax for the privilege of engaging 395 or continuing in business.

(b) The excise tax imposed in this section shall be paid to the * * <u>Department of Revenue</u> monthly on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which the beer or light wine was manufactured or received in this state. Monthly

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402 Provided that persons operating a railroad dining (C) 403 car, club car or other car in interstate commerce upon which light 404 wines or beer may be sold and who are licensed under the 405 provisions of Section 67-3-27 and any other law relating to the 406 sale of such beverages shall keep such records of the sales of 407 such light wines and beer in this state as the commissioner shall 408 prescribe and shall submit monthly reports of such sales to the 409 commissioner within fifteen (15) days after the end of each month 410 on a form prescribed therefor by the commissioner, and shall pay 411 the tax due under the provisions of this section at the time such 412 reports are filed.

413 No official crowns, lids, labels or stamps with the word 414 "MISSISSIPPI" or "MS" imprinted thereon or any other evidence of 415 tax payment is required by this section, or may be required under 416 rule or regulation promulgated by the commissioner, to be affixed 417 on or to any part of a beer, light wine or malt cooler bottle, can 418 or other light wine or malt cooler container. For purposes of 419 this section, malt cooler products shall be defined as a flavored 420 malt beverage made from a base of malt beverage and flavored with 421 fruit juices, aromatics and essences of other flavoring in 422 quantities and proportions such that the resulting product 423 possesses a character and flavor distinctive from the base malt 424 beverage and distinguishable from other malt beverages.

425 (2)A licensed wholesaler or distributor of beer or light 426 wine may not import beer or light wine from any source other than 427 a brewer or importer authorized by the commissioner to sell such 428 beer or light wine in Mississippi. Any person who violates the 429 provisions of this subsection, upon conviction thereof, shall be 430 punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars 431 (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the 432 433 discretion of the court and shall be subject to license forfeiture 434 following an appropriate hearing before the * * * Department of 435 Revenue.

(3) The wholesaler or distributor shall be allowed credit for tax paid on beer or light wine which is no longer marketable and which is destroyed by same when such destruction is witnessed by an agent of the commissioner and when the amount of the excise tax exceeds One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). No other loss will be allowed.

442 A brewpub shall be allowed credit for light wine or beer 443 which has passed through the meter, gauge glass or other approved 444 measuring device and which has been soured or damaged. The 445 brewpub shall record the removal of sour or damaged light wine or 446 beer and may take credit after the destruction is witnessed by an 447 agent of the commissioner and when the amount of excise tax 448 exceeds Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). No other loss shall be allowed. 449

(4) All manufacturers, brewers and importers of beer or light wine shall file monthly reports as prescribed by the commissioner listing <u>direct sales by manufacturers and</u> sales to each wholesaler or distributor by date, invoice number, quantity and container size, and any other information deemed necessary.

455 (5) All administrative provisions of the Mississippi Sales 456 Tax Law, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest 457 for nonpayment of taxes and for noncompliance with the provisions 458 of such chapter, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon taxpayers, shall apply to all persons liable for taxes under 459 the provisions of this chapter, and the commissioner shall 460 461 exercise all the power and authority and perform all the duties 462 with respect to taxpayers under this chapter as are provided in 463 the sales tax law except where there is conflict, then the 464 provisions of this chapter shall control.

465 **SECTION 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 466 and after July 1, 2016.