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HOUSE BILL NO. 1344

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW TO AUTHORIZE HOLDERS OF ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMITS AND HOLDERS 5 OF PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMITS TO PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TO HAVE 7 SUCH PURCHASES SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO A PERMIT HOLDER'S PERMITTED LOCATION; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 67-1-43, 67-1-45, 67-1-51, 8 67-1-53, 67-1-55, 67-1-57, 67-1-73 AND 67-1-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE 9 OF 1972, WHICH ARE SECTIONS OF THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE 10 CONTROL LAW, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING 11 12 FORWARD SECTIONS 27-71-5, 27-71-7, 27-71-15 AND 27-71-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF PRIVILEGE TAXES ON HOLDERS OF PERMITS ISSUED UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION 14 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW, EXCISE TAXES ON SALES OF ALCOHOL 15 16 UNDER SUCH LAW AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC 17 BEVERAGES THROUGH COUNTIES THAT HAVE NOT AUTHORIZED THE SALE OF 18 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 97-31-47 AND 93-31-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 19 20 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR CRIMES RELATED TO THE UNLAWFUL 21 TRANSPORTATION AND SOLICITATION OF ORDERS OF LIQUOR, FOR THE 22 PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: 24 SECTION 1. Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 25 26 67-1-41. (1) The * * Department of Revenue is hereby 27 created a wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, 28 not including malt liquors, within the State of Mississippi. H. B. No. 1344 ~ OFFICIAL ~ G1/2

- 29 is granted the sole right to import and sell intoxicating liquors
- 30 at wholesale within the state, and no person who is granted the
- right to sell, distribute or receive intoxicating liquors at 31
- 32 retail shall purchase any intoxicating liquors from any source
- 33 other than the * * * department except as authorized in
- 34 subsections (4) and (9). The \star \star department may establish
- warehouses, purchase intoxicating liquors in such quantities and 35
- 36 from such sources as it may deem desirable and sell the
- 37 intoxicating liquors to authorized permittees within the state
- including, at the discretion of the * * * department, any retail 38
- 39 distributors operating within any military post or qualified
- resort areas within the boundaries of the state, keeping a correct 40
- 41 and accurate record of all such transactions and exercising such
- control over the distribution of alcoholic beverages as seem right 42
- 43 and proper in keeping with the provisions or purposes of this
- 44 chapter.
- 45 No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture,
- distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute, 46
- 47 warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify,
- 48 blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in
- 49 accordance with authority granted under this chapter, or as
- 50 otherwise provided by law for native wines.
- 51 No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall
- 52 be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to

- 53 any person other than as provided in this chapter, or as otherwise
- 54 provided by law for native wines.
- 55 (4) (a) The * * * department may promulgate rules and
- 56 regulations which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase
- 57 limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and
- 58 for package retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic
- 59 beverages from other package retailers. The * * * department
- 60 shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the on-premises
- 61 retailers and the package retailers verifying the transaction.
- 62 The completed forms shall be forwarded to the * * * department
- 63 within a period of time prescribed by the * * * department.
- (b) The department may promulgate rules and regulations
- 65 that authorize holders of on-premises retailer's permits and
- 66 holders of package retailer's permits to purchase alcoholic
- 67 beverages from manufacturers and distributors of alcoholic
- 68 beverages and to have such purchases shipped directly to a permit
- 69 holder's permitted location.
- 70 (5) The * * * department may promulgate rules which
- 71 authorize the holder of a package retailer's permit to permit
- 72 individual retail purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to
- 73 return, for exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of
- 74 original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages
- 75 purchased by the individual from the package retailer.

- 76 (6) The * * * department shall maintain all forms to be 77 completed by applicants necessary for licensure by the * * * 78 department at all district offices of the * * * department.
 - authorize the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's permits, native wine retailer's permits and temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the brand of that manufacturer from the * * * department. For each holder of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of wine.
 - open product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of on-premises retailers.
 - (9) The * * * department may promulgate rules and regulations that authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from

- 101 the * * * department. The * * * department shall develop and
- 102 provide forms to be completed by the research permittee verifying
- 103 each transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to
- 104 the * * * department within a period of time prescribed by
- 105 the * * * department. The records and inventory of alcoholic
- 106 beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the Director
- 107 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly authorized
- 108 agent.
- SECTION 2. Section 67-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 110 brought forward as follows:
- 111 67-1-43. Any authorized retail distributor who shall
- 112 purchase or receive intoxicating liquor from any source except
- 113 from the commission, unless authorized by rules and regulations of
- 114 the commission promulgated under subsection (4) of Section
- 115 67-1-41, shall be quilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction
- 116 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred
- 117 Dollars (\$500.00), nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),
- 118 to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail for not more
- 119 than six (6) months. Any authorization of such person to sell
- 120 intoxicating beverages may be revoked as provided by law.
- 121 **SECTION 3.** Section 67-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 122 brought forward as follows:
- 123 67-1-45. No manufacturer, rectifier or distiller of
- 124 intoxicating liquor shall sell or attempt to sell any such
- 125 intoxicating liquor, except malt liquor, within the State of

- 126 Mississippi, except to the commission, or to the holder of a
- 127 research permit as provided in Section 67-1-41. A producer of
- 128 native wine may sell native wines to the commission or to
- 129 consumers at the location of the native winery or its immediate
- 130 vicinity.
- Any violation of this section by any manufacturer, rectifier
- 132 or distiller shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five
- 133 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and not more than Two Thousand Dollars
- 134 (\$2,000.00), to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail
- 135 not to exceed six (6) months.
- SECTION 4. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
- 137 brought forward as follows:
- 138 67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department
- 139 shall be as follows:
- 140 (a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit
- 141 shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and
- 142 storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to
- 143 manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and
- 144 to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase
- 145 the same, and to sell exclusively to the department.
- 146 Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:
- 147 Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall
- 148 authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the
- 149 production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation
- 150 and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining,

- mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.
- 153 Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize 154 the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and 155 store wine or vinous liquor.
- 156 Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall
 157 authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell
 158 native wines.
- 159 Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise (b) 160 provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package 161 retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a 162 store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and 163 unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines, 164 not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or 165 166 container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid 167 measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new 168 169 product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his 170 employees at the permitted place of business so long as the 171 sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable 172 department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the 173 174 sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail 175

177 other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's 178 179 permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold. 180 On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise (C) 181 provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises 182 retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, 183 including native wines, for consumption on the licensed premises 184 only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron 185 186 consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of 187 consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the 188 permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is 189 placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be 190 visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt 191 for the wine and the meal is available. Such a permit shall be 192 issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, and to 193 common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. 194 In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the 195 department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's 196 permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises 197 retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed 198

vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the

corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and

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sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales.

- 202 Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall (d) 203 authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer 204 or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his 205 employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote 206 his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit 207 shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) 208 principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to 209 210 represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell 211 alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of 212 213 such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler 214 or manufacturer in the state.
 - (e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery.
- 223 (f) **Temporary retailer's permit**. Except as otherwise 224 provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's

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- permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.
- Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:
- 230 Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona 231 fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine, for 232 233 consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants 234 235 demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under 236 penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed 237 date or such other time as the department may determine, that they 238 meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2)239 and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. 240 Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from 241 package retailers located in the county in which the temporary 242 permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon 243 expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the 244 permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase 245 price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the 246 permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to 247 all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of

alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the

- statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.
- Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70)
- 252 days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer
- 253 a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class
- 254 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the
- 255 department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury,
- 256 that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(1), (m), (n),
- 257 (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and
- 258 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the
- 259 statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the
- 260 applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.
- 261 Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic
- 262 beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the
- 263 department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous
- 264 permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2
- 265 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the
- 266 application or statement, the applicant shall never again be
- 267 eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject
- 268 to prosecution for perjury.
- 269 Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a
- 270 retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of
- 271 wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail
- 272 establishment at an open house or promotional event, for
- 273 consumption only on the premises described in the temporary

permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant
demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under
penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed
date or such other time as the department may determine, that it
meets the qualifications of Sections $67-1-11$, $67-1-37$, $67-1-51(2)$
and (3) , $67-1-55$, $67-1-57$ (excluding paragraph (e)) and $67-1-59$.
A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from
the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county
in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock
upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the
Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a
refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package
retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder
exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws
pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic
beverages. The department, following review of the statement
provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable
statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may
receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a
calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to
a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued
under paragraph (1) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued
under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing
the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine

299	(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit
300	the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in
301	business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by
302	such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person
303	shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of
304	the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the
305	serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic
306	beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such
307	business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall
308	not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of
309	the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder
310	of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit.
311	When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an
312	affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the
313	caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic
314	beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed
315	location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or
316	affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be
317	required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic
318	beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the
319	location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise
320	provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made
321	only for consumption at the catered location. The location being
322	catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that
323	has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the

324	sale, distribution and possession of alcoholic beverages is
325	otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to
326	any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by
327	on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit
328	or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as
329	alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued
330	under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the
331	location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage
332	Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages
333	may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the
334	conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law
335	enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
336	personnel may enter a catered location on private property in
337	order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic
338	beverages.

- (h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.
- 346 (i) **Alcohol processing permit.** An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking,

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349	processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic
350	beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit
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352	premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking,
353	processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic
354	beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an
355	alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

- 356 (j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit
 357 shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart
 358 on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's
 359 permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be
 360 consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.
 - (k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.
- 368 (1) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in 369 subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued 370 only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or 371 a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve 372 complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at 373 the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking

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374 school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the 375 holder of a package retailer's permit.

376 Temporary wine charitable auction permit. (m) 377 temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a 378 qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from 379 taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue 380 Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell wine 381 for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization 382 during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the 383 auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of 384 385 wine is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the 386 premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the wine 387 to be auctioned must be stored separately from the wine sold, 388 stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the 389 premises immediately following the auction, and may not be 390 consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct 391 more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit 392 holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person 393 to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a

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399 caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. 400 The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may 401 only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) 402 persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate 403 shall be determined by the local fire department and such 404 determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along 405 with all other documents required to be provided for an 406 on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the 407 majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live 408 entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not 409 410 include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. 411 412 determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may 413 not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and

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424 productions on the premises of the facility described in the 425 permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all 426 alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county 427 in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in 428 stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be 429 returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of 430 the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be 431 kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and 432 consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale 433 and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p),

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451	and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50)
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453	Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
454	of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
455	Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours
456	and trips in such waters.

- 457 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this 458 section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail 459 permit, at the discretion of the department.
- 460 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no
 461 authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or
 462 store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this
 463 chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school,
 464 kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned
 465 commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less
 466 than one hundred (100) feet.
- A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions
 imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the
 department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this
 section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale
 or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be
 prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver
 shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or

the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

477 The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall 478 not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed 479 and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic 480 Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of 481 482 Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a 483 municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand 484 (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

- (4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.
- (5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit

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- 499 and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of 500 the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and 501 may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of 502 the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 503 504 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the 505 leisure and recreation district while in possession of the 506 alcoholic beverage or wine.
- 507 (b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
 508 allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted
 509 premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this
 510 chapter.
- 511 **SECTION 5.** Section 67-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 512 brought forward as follows:
- 513 67-1-53. (1) Application for permits shall be in such form
 514 and shall contain such information as shall be required by the
 515 regulations of the commission; however, no regulation of the
 516 commission shall require personal financial information from any
 517 officer of a corporation applying for an on-premises retailer's
 518 permit to sell alcoholic beverages unless such officer owns ten
 519 percent (10%) or more of the stock of such corporation.
- 520 (2) Every applicant for each type of permit authorized by 521 Section 67-1-51 shall give notice of such application by 522 publication for two (2) consecutive issues in a newspaper of 523 general circulation published in the city or town in which

- 524 applicant's place of business is located. However, in instances 525 where no newspaper is published in the city or town, then the 526 notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation 527 published in the county where the applicant's business is located. 528 If no newspaper is published in the county, the notice shall be 529 published in a qualified newspaper which is published in the 530 closest neighboring county and circulated in the county of 531 applicant's residence. The notice shall be printed in ten-point 532 black face type and shall set forth the type of permit to be applied for, the exact location of the place of business, the name 533 534 of the owner or owners thereof, and if operating under an assumed 535 name, the trade name together with the names of all owners, and if 536 a corporation, the names and titles of all officers. The cost of 537 such notice shall be borne by the applicant.
- 538 (3) Each application or filing made under this section shall 539 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in 540 accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.
- SECTION 6. Section 67-1-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:
 - 67-1-55. No permit of any type shall be issued by the commission until the applicant has first filed with the commission a sworn statement disclosing all persons who are financially involved in the operation of the business for which the permit is sought. If an applicant is an individual, he will swear that he owns one hundred percent (100%) of the business for which he is

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549	seeking a permit. If the applicant is a partnership, all partners
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552	is a corporation, the total stock in the corporation shall be
553	disclosed and each shareholder and his address and the amount of
554	stock in the corporation owned by him shall be disclosed. If the
555	applicant is a limited liability company, each member and their
556	addresses shall be disclosed and the extent of their interest in
557	the limited liability company shall be disclosed. If the
558	applicant is a trust, the trustee and all beneficiaries and their
559	addresses shall be disclosed. If the applicant is a combination
560	of any of the above, all information required to be disclosed
561	above shall be required.
562	All the disclosures shall be in writing and kept on file at
563	the commission's office and shall be available to the public.
564	Every applicant must, when applying for a renewal of his
565	permit, disclose any change in the ownership of the business or
566	any change in the beneficiaries of the income from the business.
567	Any person who willfully fails to fully disclose the
568	information required by this section, or who gives false
569	information, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
570	thereof, shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars
571	(\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both,
572	and the person or applicant shall never again be eligible for any

permit pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

574 **SECTION 7.** Section 67-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 575 brought forward as follows:

576 67-1-57. Before a permit is issued the department shall satisfy itself:

- 578 That the applicant, if an individual, or if a 579 partnership, each of the members of the partnership, or if a 580 corporation, each of its principal officers and directors, or if a 581 limited liability company, each member of the limited liability 582 company, is of good moral character and, in addition, enjoys a reputation of being a peaceable, law-abiding citizen of the 583 584 community in which he resides, and is generally fit for the trust 585 to be reposed in him, is not less than twenty-one (21) years of 586 age, and has not been convicted of a felony in any state or 587 federal court.
 - (b) That, except in the case of an application for a solicitor's permit, the applicant is the true and actual owner of the business for which the permit is desired, and that he intends to carry on the business authorized for himself and not as the agent of any other person, and that he intends to superintend in person the management of the business or that he will designate a manager to manage the business for him. All managers must be approved by the department prior to completing any managerial tasks on behalf of the permittee and must possess all of the qualifications required of a permittee; however, a felony conviction, other than a crime of violence, does not automatically

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- disqualify a person from being approved as a manager if the person was released from incarceration at least three (3) years prior to
- 601 application for approval as a manager. A felony conviction, other
- 602 than a crime of violence, may be considered by the department in
- 603 determining whether all other qualifications are met.
- (c) That the applicant for a package retailer's permit,
- 605 if an individual, is a resident of the State of Mississippi. If
- 606 the applicant is a partnership, each member of the partnership
- 607 must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a limited
- 608 liability company, each member of the limited liability company
- 609 must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a
- 610 corporation, the designated manager of the corporation must be a
- 611 resident of the state.
- (d) That the place for which the permit is to be issued
- 613 is an appropriate one considering the character of the premises
- 614 and the surrounding neighborhood.
- (e) That the place for which the permit is to be issued
- 616 is within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality or
- 617 qualified resort area or club which comes within the provisions of
- 618 this chapter.
- (f) That the applicant is not indebted to the state for
- 620 any taxes, fees or payment of penalties imposed by any law of the
- 621 State of Mississippi or by any rule or regulation of the
- 622 commission.



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- (h) That the commission does not believe and has no reason to believe that the applicant will sell or knowingly permit any agent, servant or employee to unlawfully sell liquor in a dry area or in any other manner contrary to law.
- (i) That the applicant is not residentially domiciled
 with any person whose permit or license has been cancelled for
 cause within the twelve (12) months next preceding the date of the
 present application for a permit.
 - (j) That the commission has not, in the exercise of its discretion which is reserved and preserved to it, refused to grant permits under the restrictions of this section, as well as under any other pertinent provision of this chapter.
- 639 That there are not sufficient legal reasons to deny (k) a permit on the ground that the premises for which the permit is 640 641 sought has previously been operated, used or frequented for any 642 purpose or in any manner that is lewd, immoral or offensive to 643 public decency. In the granting or withholding of any permit to 644 sell alcoholic beverages at retail, the commission in forming its 645 conclusions may give consideration to any recommendations made in 646 writing by the district or county attorney or county, circuit or chancery judge of the county, or the sheriff of the county, or the 647

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648	mayor or chief of police of an incorporated city or town wherein
649	the applicant proposes to conduct his business and to any
650	recommendations made by representatives of the commission.

- That the applicant and the applicant's key (1)employees, as determined by the commission, do not have a disqualifying criminal record. In order to obtain a criminal record history check, the applicant shall submit to the commission a set of fingerprints from any local law enforcement agency for each person for whom the records check is required. commission shall forward the fingerprints to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the Department of Public Safety shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. Costs for processing the set or sets of fingerprints shall be borne by the applicant. The commission shall not deny employment to an employee of the applicant prior to the identification of a disqualifying record or other disqualifying information.
- SECTION 8. Section 67-1-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 667 brought forward as follows:
- 668 67-1-73. Every manufacturer, including native wine 669 producers, within or without the state, and every other shipper of 670 alcoholic beverages who sells any alcoholic beverage, including 671 native wine, within the state, shall, at the time of making such 672 sale, file with the commission a copy of the invoice of such sale

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- showing in detail the kind of alcoholic beverage sold, the quantities of each, the size of the container and the weight of the contents, the alcoholic content, and the name and address of the person to whom sold.
- 677 Every person transporting alcoholic beverages, including 678 native wine, within this state to a point within this state, 679 whether such transportation originates within or without this 680 state, shall, within five (5) days after delivery of such 681 shipment, furnish the commission a copy of the bill of lading or 682 receipt, showing the name or consignor or consignee, date, place 683 received, destination, and quantity of alcoholic beverages 684 delivered. Upon failure to comply with the provisions of this 685 section, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, 686 upon conviction thereof shall be fined in the sum of Fifty Dollars 687 (\$50.00) for each offense.
- SECTION 9. Section 67-1-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:
- 690 67-1-79. No alcoholic beverage shall be sold by any
 691 wholesaler to any retailer, nor shall any retailer purchase any
 692 alcoholic beverage, except for cash. Each delivery of any
 693 alcoholic beverage to a retail permittee shall be accompanied by
 694 an invoice of sale or delivery slip which shall bear as its date
 695 the date of delivery of such alcoholic beverage.
- SECTION 10. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

698	27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under
699	the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and
700	amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location
701	for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the
702	business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license
703	tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:
704	(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
705	(1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or
706	rectifier's\$4,500.00
707	(b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine
708	manufacturer\$1,800.00
709	(c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine
710	manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof
711	produced\$ 10.00
712	(d) Native wine retailer's permit\$ 50.00
713	(e) Package retailer's permit, each\$ 900.00
714	(f) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and
715	common carriers, each\$ 450.00
716	(g) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than
717	five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one
718	percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each\$ 225.00
719	(h) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs\$ 225.00
720	(i) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers,
721	per car, plane, or other vehicle\$ 120.00

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722	(j) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other
723	provision of law, solicitor's permits shall be issued only in the
724	discretion of the department\$ 100.00
725	(k) Filing fee for each application except for an
726	employee identification card\$ 25.00
727	(1) Temporary permit, Class 1, each 10.00
728	(m) Temporary permit, Class 2, each\$ 50.00
729	(n) (i) Caterer's permit\$ 600.00
730	(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises
731	retailer's permit\$ 150.00
732	(o) Research permit\$ 100.00
733	(p) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only)\$ 10.00
734	(q) Special service permit\$ 225.00
735	(r) Merchant permit\$ 225.00
736	(s) Temporary wine charitable auction permit\$ 10.00
737	(t) Event venue retailer's permit\$ 225.00
738	(u) Temporary theatre permit, each\$ 10.00
739	(v) Charter ship operator's permit\$ 100.00
740	If a person approved for a manufacturer's permit, Class 1,
741	distiller's permit produces a product with at least fifty-one
742	percent (51%) of the finished product by volume being obtained
743	from alcoholic fermentation of grapes, fruits, berries, honey
744	and/or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi, and produces
745	all of the product by using not more than one (1) still having a
746	maximum capacity of one hundred fifty (150) liters, the annual

- 747 privilege license tax for such a permit shall be Ten Dollars
- 748 (\$10.00) per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof
- 749 produced. Bulk, concentrated or fortified ingredients used for
- 750 blending may be produced outside this state and used in producing
- 751 such a product.
- 752 In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (k) of
- 753 this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of
- 754 Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process
- 755 applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State
- 756 Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby
- 757 created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray
- 758 the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing
- 759 alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance
- 760 remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal
- 761 year shall lapse into the State General Fund.
- 762 All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in
- 763 advance of doing business. The additional privilege tax imposed
- 764 for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be
- 765 due and payable on demand.
- 766 (2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each
- 767 permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor or a temporary
- 768 permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to
- 769 the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the
- 770 privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in
- 771 which the licensee is located.

- 772 In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph 773 (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by 774 the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(f), 775 (q), (h), (m) and (t) of this section, an additional license tax 776 for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or 777 county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two 778 Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five 779 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars 780 (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof. 781 782 (ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph
- 783 (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by 784 the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(n) 785 and (r) of this section, an additional license tax for the 786 privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty 787 788 Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars 789 (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each 790 additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof. 791
- (iii) Any person who has paid the additional
 privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit
 is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars
 (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars
 (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no

- 797 additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the 798 sum of the two (2) figures.
- 799 If the licensee is located within a municipality, 800 the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax 801 collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a 802 municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax 803 to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the 804 department to the respective local government subdivisions shall 805 be made once each month for any collections during the preceding 806 month.
- (3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.
- 813 (4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not 814 be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the 815 foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right 816 of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the 817 undesirability of the proposed location.
- 818 (5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business 819 which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as 820 provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full 821 amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount

822	thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more
823	than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the
824	county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both
825	such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.
826	(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic
827	beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant,
828	club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1,
829	Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager
830	thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the
831	establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign
832	containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
833	ALLOWED.
834	SECTION 11. Section 27-71-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
835	brought forward as follows:
836	27-71-7. (1) There is hereby levied and assessed an excise
837	tax upon each case of alcoholic beverages sold by the commission
838	to be collected from each retail licensee at the time of sale in
839	accordance with the following schedule:
840	(a) Distilled spirits\$2.50 per gallor
841	(b) Sparkling wine and champagne\$1.00 per gallor
842	(c) Other wines, including native
843	wines\$.35 per gallor
844	(2) (a) In addition to the tax levied by subsection (1) of
845	this section, and in addition to any other markup collected, the
846	Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall collect a markup of

847	three percent (3%) on all alcoholic beverages, as defined in
848	Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which are sold by the
849	division. The proceeds of the markup shall be collected by the
850	division from each purchaser at the time of purchase.

(b) Until June 30, 1987, the revenue derived from this three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in the State Treasury to the credit of the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and shall be used by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of the State Department of Mental Health and public or private centers or organizations solely for funding of treatment and rehabilitation programs for alcoholics and alcohol abusers which are sponsored by the division or public or private centers or organizations in such amounts as the Legislature may appropriate to the division for use by the division or public or private centers or organizations for such programs. Any tax revenue in the fund which is not encumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse to the General Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Department of Mental Health shall continue to seek funds from other sources and shall use the funds appropriated for the purposes of this section and Section 27-71-29 to match all federal funds which may be available for alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation.

From and after July 1, 1987, the revenue derived from this three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in

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872	the State Treasury to the credit of the "Mental Health Programs
873	Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in the State
874	Treasury and shall be used by the State Department of Mental
875	Health for the service programs of the department. Any revenue in
876	the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" which is not
877	encumbered at the end of Fiscal Year 1987 shall be deposited to
878	the credit of the "Mental Health Programs Fund."

SECTION 12. Section 27-71-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 880 brought forward as follows:

27-71-15. Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, if transportation requires passage through a county which has not authorized the sale of alcoholic beverages, such transportation shall be by a sealed vehicle. Such seal shall remain unbroken until the vehicle shall reach the place of business operated by the permittee. The operator of any vehicle transporting alcoholic beverages shall have in his possession an invoice issued by the commission at the time of the wholesale sale covering the merchandise transported by the vehicle. The commission is authorized to issue regulations controlling the transportation of alcoholic beverages.

When the restrictions imposed by this section and by the regulation of the commission have not been violated, the person transporting alcoholic beverages through a county wherein the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited shall not be guilty of

- 897 unlawful possession and such merchandise shall be immune from 898 seizure.
- 899 SECTION 13. Section 27-71-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 900 brought forward as follows:
- 901 27-71-29. All taxes levied by this article shall be paid to 902 the State Tax Commission in cash or by personal check, cashier's
- 903 check, bank exchange, post office money order or express money
- 904 order and shall be deposited by the commission in the State
- 905 Treasury on the same day collected, but no remittances other than
- 906 cash shall be a final discharge of liability for the tax herein
- 907 imposed and levied unless and until it has been paid in cash to
- 908 the State Tax Commission.
- 909 All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(1) and received by the
- 910 commission under this article shall be paid into the General Fund,
- 911 and the three percent (3%) levied under Section 27-71-7(2) and
- 912 received by the commission under this article shall be paid into
- 913 the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the
- 914 "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" as required by law.
- 915 Any funds derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages in excess
- 916 of inventory requirements shall be paid not less often than
- 917 annually into the General Fund.
- SECTION 14. Section 97-31-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 918
- 919 brought forward as follows:
- 920 97-31-47. It shall be unlawful for any transportation
- company, or any agent, employee, or officer of such company, or 921

any other person, or corporation to transport into or deliver in this state in any manner or by any means any spirituous, vinous, malt, or other intoxicating liquors or drinks, or for any such person, company, or corporation to transport any spirituous, malt, vinous, or intoxicating liquors or drinks from one place within this state to another place within the state, or from one (1) point within this state to any point without the state, except in cases where this chapter or Section 67-9-1 authorizes the transportation.

SECTION 15. Section 97-31-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 932 brought forward as follows:

97-31-49. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation in this state, in person, by letter, circular, or other printed or written matter, or in any other manner, to solicit or take order in this state for any liquors, bitters or drinks prohibited by the laws of this state to be sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of. The inhibition of this section shall apply to such liquors, bitters and drinks, whether the parties intend that the same shall be shipped into this state from outside of the state, or from one point in this state to another point in this state. If such order be in writing, parol evidence thereof is admissible without producing or accounting for the absence of the original; and the taking or soliciting of such orders is within the inhibition of this section, although the orders are subject to approval by some other person, and no part of the price

- 947 is paid, nor any part of the goods is delivered when the order is 948 taken.
- 949 **SECTION 16.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 950 and after July 1, 2018.

