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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2228

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PERSON WHO IS THE HOLDER OF A WINE
2 MANUFACTURER'S PERMIT IN THIS STATE, OR WHO IS LICENSED OR
3 PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITY OF
4 MANUFACTURING, SUPPLYING, IMPORTING, DISTRIBUTING, WHOLESALING OR
5 RETAILING WINE, TO SELL AND SHIP WINE DIRECTLY TO RESIDENTS IN
6 THIS STATE, IF THE PERSON OBTAINS A DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S PERMIT
7 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
8 DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S PERMITS; TO REQUIRE THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT
9 WINE SHIPPER'S PERMIT TO KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS; TO PROHIBIT THE
10 HOLDER OF A DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S PERMIT FROM SELLING OR SHIPPING
11 LIGHT WINE OR BEER OR ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OTHER THAN WINE; TO
12 LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF WINE THAT A HOLDER OF A DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S
13 PERMIT MAY SELL OR SHIP TO AN INDIVIDUAL EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR
14 THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S PERMITS; TO PROVIDE
15 THAT PERSONS PURCHASING OR RECEIVING A DIRECT SHIPMENT OF WINE
16 FROM A DIRECT WINE SHIPPER MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE; TO
17 PROVIDE THAT PERSONS RECEIVING A DIRECT SHIPMENT OF WINE FROM A
18 DIRECT WINE SHIPPER SHALL USE THE WINE FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION
19 ONLY AND MAY NOT RESELL IT; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF
20 REVENUE TO ADOPT ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY
21 OUT THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; TO
22 AMEND SECTIONS 27-71-5, 27-71-7, 27-71-15 AND 27-71-29,
23 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE PRIVILEGE TAX REQUIRED
24 FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DIRECT WINE SHIPPER'S PERMIT; TO LEVY A TAX
25 UPON THE SALES AND SHIPMENTS OF WINE MADE BY A DIRECT WINE
26 SHIPPER; TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE TAXES LEVIED TO BE
27 DEPOSITED INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS
28 67-1-41, 67-1-45, 67-1-51, 67-1-53, 67-1-55, 67-1-57, 67-1-73,
29 97-31-47 AND 97-31-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO
30 THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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



32 **SECTION 1.** As used in Sections 1 through 9 of this act, the
33 following words shall have the meanings as defined in this section
34 unless the context otherwise requires:

35 (a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

36 (b) "Direct wine shipper" means the holder of a direct
37 wine shipper's permit issued by the department under Sections 1
38 through 9 of this act.

39 (c) "Permit" means a direct wine shipper's permit
40 issued by the department under Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

41 (d) "Wine" means any product obtained from the
42 alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits
43 or berries, made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United
44 States, and containing more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by
45 weight.

46 In addition, the definitions in Section 67-1-5 shall be
47 applicable to the terms used in Sections 1 through 9 of this act,
48 unless the context otherwise requires.

49 **SECTION 2.** A person must hold a permit as a direct wine
50 shipper issued by the department before the person may engage in
51 selling and shipping wine directly to a resident in this state. A
52 direct wine shipper may sell and ship wine directly to residents
53 in this state without being required to transact the sale and
54 shipment through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the
55 department.

56 **SECTION 3.** To qualify for a permit, an applicant shall be:



57 (a) A holder of a Class 2 or Class 3 manufacturer's
58 permit issued in accordance with Section 67-1-51; or

59 (b) A person licensed or permitted outside of this
60 state to engage in the activity of manufacturing, supplying,
61 importing, distributing, wholesaling or retailing wine.

62 **SECTION 4.** (1) An applicant for a permit shall:

63 (a) Submit to the department a completed application on
64 a form provided by the department, containing all information that
65 is required by the department;

66 (b) Provide to the department a copy of the applicant's
67 current license or permit to engage in the activity of
68 manufacturing, supplying, importing, distributing, wholesaling or
69 retailing wine issued in this or any other state; and

70 (c) Pay to the department the tax prescribed in Section
71 27-71-5.

72 (2) After a person complies with the provisions of
73 subsection (1) of this section, the department may conduct any
74 investigation as it considers necessary regarding the issuance of
75 a permit, and the department shall issue a permit to the applicant
76 if the requirements of Sections 1 through 9 of this act are met.

77 **SECTION 5.** (1) A direct wine shipper shall:

78 (a) Ensure that all containers of wine sold and shipped
79 directly to a resident in this state are conspicuously labeled
80 with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21
81 YEARS OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY";



82 (b) Report to the department annually the total amount
83 of wine, by type, sold and shipped into or within the state the
84 preceding calendar year;

85 (c) Maintain for at least three (3) years all records
86 that allow the department to ascertain the truthfulness of the
87 information filed under Sections 1 through 9 of this act;

88 (d) Allow the department to perform an audit of the
89 direct wine shipper's records upon request; and

90 (e) Be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of
91 the department or any other state agency and the state courts
92 concerning enforcement of Sections 1 through 9 of this act and any
93 related laws, rules or regulations.

94 (2) A direct wine shipper may not:

95 (a) Sell or ship any light wine or beer that is
96 regulated under Section 67-3-1 et seq. or any alcoholic beverage
97 other than wine;

98 (b) Sell or ship more than twenty-four (24) nine-liter
99 cases of wine annually to any one (1) individual; or

100 (c) Ship wine to an address in a county that has not
101 voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law.

102 **SECTION 6.** A direct wine shipper may annually renew his or
103 her permit, if the direct wine shipper:

104 (a) Is otherwise entitled to receive a permit;

105 (b) Provides to the department a copy of his or her
106 current license or permit to engage in the activity of



107 manufacturing, supplying, importing, distributing, wholesaling or
108 retailing wine issued in this or any other state; and

109 (c) Pays to the department a renewal fee as prescribed
110 in Section 27-71-5.

111 **SECTION 7.** (1) To purchase and receive a direct shipment of
112 wine from a direct wine shipper, a resident of this state must be
113 at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and a person who is at
114 least twenty-one (21) years of age must sign for any wine shipped
115 from a direct wine shipper.

116 (2) A shipment of wine may be ordered or purchased from a
117 direct wine shipper through a computer network.

118 (3) A person who receives a direct shipment of wine from a
119 direct wine shipper shall use the wine for personal consumption
120 only and may not resell it.

121 **SECTION 8.** The Commissioner of Revenue of the department may
122 adopt any rules or regulations as necessary to carry out Sections
123 1 through 9 of this act. All of the enforcement provisions of
124 Section 67-1-1 et seq. that are not in conflict with Sections 1
125 through 9 of this act may be used by the department to enforce the
126 provisions of Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

127 **SECTION 9.** (1) Any person who makes, participates in,
128 transports, imports or receives a sale or shipment of wine in
129 violation of Sections 1 through 9 of this act is guilty of a
130 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a
131 fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or



132 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months,
133 or both. Each sale or shipment in violation of Sections 1 through
134 9 of this act shall constitute a separate offense.

135 (2) If any holder of a direct wine shipper's permit violates
136 any provision of Sections 1 through 9 of this act, the department
137 may suspend or revoke the permit and impose civil penalties as
138 authorized under Section 67-1-1 et seq.

139 **SECTION 10.** Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
140 amended as follows:

141 27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under
142 the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and
143 amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location
144 for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the
145 business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license
146 tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

147 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection
148 (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or
149 rectifier's:

150 (i) For a permittee with annual production of five
151 thousand (5,000) gallons or more.....\$4,500.00

152 (ii) For a permittee with annual production under
153 five thousand (5,000) gallons.....\$2,800.00

154 (b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine
155 manufacturer.....\$1,800.00



156 (c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine
157 manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof
158 produced.....\$ 10.00

159 (d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit
160 manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof
161 produced.....\$ 300.00

162 (e) Native wine retailer's permit.....\$ 50.00

163 (f) Package retailer's permit, each.....\$ 900.00

164 (g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and
165 common carriers, each.....\$ 450.00

166 (h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than
167 five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one
168 percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each.....\$ 225.00

169 (i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs...\$ 225.00

170 (j) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers,
171 per car, plane, or other vehicle.....\$ 120.00

172 (k) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other
173 provision of law, solicitor's permits shall be issued only in the
174 discretion of the department.....\$ 100.00

175 (l) Filing fee for each application except for an
176 employee identification card.....\$ 25.00

177 (m) Temporary permit, Class 1, each.....\$ 10.00

178 (n) Temporary permit, Class 2, each.....\$ 50.00

179 (o) (i) Caterer's permit.....\$ 600.00



180	(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises	
181	retailer's permit.....	\$ 150.00
182	(p) Research permit.....	\$ 100.00
183	(q) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only).....	\$ 10.00
184	(r) Special service permit.....	\$ 225.00
185	(s) Merchant permit.....	\$ 225.00
186	(t) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction	
187	permit.....	\$ 10.00
188	(u) Event venue retailer's permit.....	\$ 225.00
189	(v) Temporary theatre permit, each.....	\$ 10.00
190	(w) Charter ship operator's permit.....	\$ 100.00
191	(x) Distillery retailer's permit.....	\$ 450.00
192	(y) Festival wine permit.....	\$ 10.00
193	(z) Charter vessel operator's permit.....	\$ 100.00
194	(aa) Native spirit retailer's permit.....	\$ 50.00
195	(bb) Delivery service permit.....	\$ 500.00
196	(cc) Food truck permit.....	\$ 100.00
197	<u>(dd) Direct wine shipper's permit.....</u>	<u>\$ 100.00</u>

198 In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (l) of
199 this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of
200 Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process
201 applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State
202 Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby
203 created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray
204 the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing



205 alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance
206 remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal
207 year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

208 All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in
209 advance of doing business. A new permittee whose privilege tax is
210 determined by production volume will pay the tax for the first
211 year in accordance with department regulations. The additional
212 privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based
213 upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

214 Paragraph (y) of this subsection shall stand repealed from
215 and after July 1, 2026.

216 (2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each
217 permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor, * * * temporary
218 permittee * * *, delivery service permittee or direct wine
219 shipper's permittee, by the department, an additional license tax
220 equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section
221 for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or
222 county in which the licensee is located.

223 (b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph
224 (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by
225 the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(g),
226 (h), (i), (n) and (u) of this section, an additional license tax
227 for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or
228 county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two
229 Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five



230 Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars
231 (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars
232 (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

233 (ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph
234 (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by
235 the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(o)
236 and (s) of this section, an additional license tax for the
237 privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in
238 which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty
239 Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars
240 (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each
241 additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or
242 fraction thereof.

243 (iii) Any person who has paid the additional
244 privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit
245 is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars
246 (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars
247 (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no
248 additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the
249 sum of the two (2) figures.

250 (c) If the licensee is located within a municipality,
251 the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax
252 collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a
253 municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax
254 to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the



255 department to the respective local government subdivisions shall
256 be made once each month for any collections during the preceding
257 month.

258 (3) When an application for any permit, other than for
259 renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such
260 decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner
261 provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an
262 applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered
263 within a twelve-month period.

264 (4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not
265 be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the
266 foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right
267 of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the
268 undesirability of the proposed location.

269 (5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business
270 which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as
271 provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full
272 amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount
273 thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more
274 than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the
275 county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both
276 such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

277 (6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic
278 beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant,
279 club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1,



280 Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager
281 thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the
282 establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign
283 containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
284 ALLOWED.

285 **SECTION 11.** Section 27-71-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
286 amended as follows:

287 27-71-7. (1) There is hereby levied and assessed an excise
288 tax upon each case of alcoholic beverages sold by the department
289 to be collected from each retail licensee at the time of sale in
290 accordance with the following schedule:

- 291 (a) Distilled spirits.....\$2.50 per gallon
- 292 (b) Sparkling wine and champagne.....\$1.00 per gallon
- 293 (c) Other wines, including native
294 wines.....\$.35 per gallon

295 (2) (a) In addition to the tax levied by subsection (1) of
296 this section, and in addition to any other markup collected, the
297 Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall collect a markup of
298 three percent (3%) on all alcoholic beverages, as defined in
299 Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which are sold by the
300 division. The proceeds of the markup shall be collected by the
301 division from each purchaser at the time of purchase.

302 (b) Until June 30, 1987, the revenue derived from this
303 three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in
304 the State Treasury to the credit of the "Alcoholism Treatment and



305 Rehabilitation Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in
306 the State Treasury, and shall be used by the Division of Alcohol
307 and Drug Abuse of the State Department of Mental Health and public
308 or private centers or organizations solely for funding of
309 treatment and rehabilitation programs for alcoholics and alcohol
310 abusers which are sponsored by the division or public or private
311 centers or organizations in such amounts as the Legislature may
312 appropriate to the division for use by the division or public or
313 private centers or organizations for such programs. Any tax
314 revenue in the fund which is not encumbered at the end of the
315 fiscal year shall lapse to the General Fund. It is the intent of
316 the Legislature that the State Department of Mental Health shall
317 continue to seek funds from other sources and shall use the funds
318 appropriated for the purposes of this section and Section 27-71-29
319 to match all federal funds which may be available for alcoholism
320 treatment and rehabilitation.

321 From and after July 1, 1987, the revenue derived from this
322 three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in
323 the State Treasury to the credit of the "Mental Health Programs
324 Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in the State
325 Treasury and shall be used by the State Department of Mental
326 Health for the service programs of the department. Any revenue in
327 the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" which is not
328 encumbered at the end of Fiscal Year 1987 shall be deposited to
329 the credit of the "Mental Health Programs Fund."



330 (3) There is levied and assessed upon the holder of a direct
331 wine shipper's permit, a tax in the amount of fifteen and one-half
332 percent (15.5%) of the sales price of each sale and shipment of
333 wine made to a resident in this state. The holder of a direct
334 wine shipper's permit shall file a monthly report with the
335 department along with a copy of the invoice for each sale and
336 shipment of wine and remit any taxes due; however, no report shall
337 be required for months in which no sales or shipments were made
338 into this state. The report, together with copies of the invoices
339 and the payment of all taxes, shall be filed with the department
340 not later than the twentieth day of the month following the month
341 in which the shipment was made. Permittees who fail to timely
342 file and pay taxes as required by this subsection shall pay a late
343 fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), in addition to any
344 other penalty authorized by this article.

345 **SECTION 12.** Section 27-71-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
346 amended as follows:

347 27-71-15. Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for
348 the transportation of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for
349 the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and in Sections 1
350 through 9 of this act for the sale and shipment of wine by the
351 holder of a direct wine shipper's permit, if transportation
352 requires passage through a county which has not authorized the
353 sale of alcoholic beverages, such transportation shall be by a
354 sealed vehicle. Such seal shall remain unbroken until the vehicle



355 shall reach the place of business operated by the permittee. The
356 operator of any vehicle transporting alcoholic beverages shall
357 have in his possession an invoice issued by the * * * department
358 at the time of the wholesale sale covering the merchandise
359 transported by the vehicle. The * * * department is authorized to
360 issue regulations controlling the transportation of alcoholic
361 beverages.

362 When the restrictions imposed by this section and by the
363 regulation of the * * * department have not been violated, the
364 person transporting alcoholic beverages through a county wherein
365 the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited shall not be guilty
366 of unlawful possession and such merchandise shall be immune from
367 seizure.

368 **SECTION 13.** Section 27-71-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
369 amended as follows:

370 27-71-29. (1) (a) All taxes levied by this article shall
371 be paid to the Department of Revenue in cash or by personal check,
372 cashier's check, bank exchange, post office money order or express
373 money order and shall be deposited by the department in the State
374 Treasury on the same day collected, but no remittances other than
375 cash shall be a final discharge of liability for the tax herein
376 imposed and levied unless and until it has been paid in cash to
377 the department.

378 (b) All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(1) and received
379 by the department under this article shall be paid into the



380 General Fund, and the three percent (3%) levied under Section
381 27-71-7(2) and received by the department under this article shall
382 be paid into the special fund in the State Treasury designated as
383 the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" as required by
384 law. Any funds derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages in
385 excess of inventory requirements shall be paid not less often than
386 annually into the General Fund, except for a portion of the
387 twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in
388 Section 27-71-11, as specified in subsection (2) of this section,
389 and except for fees charged by the department for the defraying of
390 costs associated with shipping alcoholic beverages. The revenue
391 derived from these fees shall be deposited by the department into
392 a special fund, hereby created in the State Treasury, which is
393 designated the "ABC Shipping Fund." The monies in this special
394 fund shall be earmarked for use by the department for any
395 expenditure made to ship alcoholic beverages. Any net proceeds
396 remaining in the special fund on August 1 of any fiscal year shall
397 lapse into the General Fund. "Net proceeds" in this section means
398 the total of all fees collected by the department to defray the
399 costs of shipping less the actual costs of shipping.

400 (c) All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(3) and
401 received by the department under this article shall be paid into
402 the General Fund, except for an amount equivalent to the three
403 percent (3%) levied under Section 27-71-7(2), which shall be paid



404 into the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the
405 "Mental Health Programs Fund" as required by law.

406 (2) If the special bond sinking fund created in Section 7(3)
407 of Chapter 483, Laws of 2022 has a balance below the minimum
408 amount specified in the resolution providing for the issuance of
409 the bonds, or below one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount
410 needed to pay the annual debt obligations related to the bonds
411 issued under Section 7 of Chapter 483, Laws of 2022, whichever is
412 the lesser amount, the Commissioner of Revenue shall transfer the
413 deficit amount to the bond sinking fund from revenue derived from
414 the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided
415 for in Section 27-71-11.

416 **SECTION 14.** Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
417 amended as follows:

418 67-1-41. (1) The department is hereby created a wholesale
419 distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, not including malt
420 liquors, within the State of Mississippi. It is granted the right
421 to import and sell alcoholic beverages at wholesale within the
422 state, and no person who is granted the right to sell, distribute
423 or receive alcoholic beverages at retail shall purchase any
424 alcoholic beverages from any source other than the department,
425 except as authorized in subsections (4), (9) and (12) of this
426 section and Sections 1 through 9 of this act. The department may
427 establish warehouses, and the department may purchase alcoholic
428 beverages in such quantities and from such sources as it may deem



429 desirable and sell the alcoholic beverages to authorized
430 permittees within the state including, at the discretion of the
431 department, any retail distributors operating within any military
432 post or qualified resort areas within the boundaries of the state,
433 keeping a correct and accurate record of all such transactions and
434 exercising such control over the distribution of alcoholic
435 beverages as seem right and proper in keeping with the provisions
436 or purposes of this article.

437 (2) No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture,
438 distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute,
439 warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify,
440 blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in
441 accordance with authority granted under this article, or as
442 otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

443 (3) No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall
444 be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to
445 any person other than as provided in this article, or as otherwise
446 provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

447 (4) The department may promulgate rules and regulations
448 which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase limited amounts
449 of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and for package
450 retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from
451 other package retailers. The department shall develop and provide
452 forms to be completed by the on-premises retailers and the package
453 retailers verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be



454 forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by
455 the department.

456 (5) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the
457 holder of a package retailer's permit to permit individual retail
458 purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to return, for
459 exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of original sealed and
460 unopened packages of alcoholic beverages purchased by the
461 individual from the package retailer.

462 (6) The department shall maintain all forms to be completed
463 by applicants necessary for licensure by the department at all
464 district offices of the department.

465 (7) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the
466 manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport
467 and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to
468 the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's
469 permits, native wine or native spirit retailer's permits and
470 temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the
471 brand of that manufacturer from the department. For each holder
472 of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more
473 than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of alcoholic
474 beverage and not more than three (3) liters of any brand of wine.

475 (8) The department may promulgate rules disallowing open
476 product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of
477 package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of
478 alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's



479 permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified
480 "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the
481 manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of
482 on-premises retailers.

483 (9) The department may promulgate rules and regulations that
484 authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase
485 limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries
486 and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from the department. The
487 department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the
488 research permittee verifying each transaction. The completed
489 forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time
490 prescribed by the department. The records and inventory of
491 alcoholic beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the
492 Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly
493 authorized agent.

494 (10) The department may promulgate rules facilitating a
495 retailer's on-site pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by the
496 department or as authorized by the department, including, but not
497 limited to, native wines and native spirits, so that those
498 alcoholic beverages may be delivered to the retailer at the
499 manufacturer's location instead of via shipment from the
500 department's warehouse.

501 (11) **[Through June 30, 2026]** This section shall not apply
502 to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a
503 distillery retailer's permit or a festival wine permit.



504 (11) **[From and after July 1, 2026]** This section shall not
505 apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder
506 of a distillery retailer's permit.

507 (12) (a) An individual resident of this state who is at
508 least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase wine from a winery
509 and have the purchase shipped into this state so long as it is
510 shipped to a package retailer permittee in Mississippi; however,
511 the permittee shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and
512 surcharges on the wine that are imposed upon the sale of wine
513 shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. No credit
514 shall be provided to the permittee for any taxes paid to another
515 state as a result of the transaction. Package retailers may
516 charge a service fee for receiving and handling shipments from
517 wineries on behalf of the purchasers. The department shall
518 develop and provide forms to be completed by the package retailer
519 permittees verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall
520 be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed
521 by the department.

522 (b) The purchaser of wine that is to be shipped to a
523 package retailer's store shall be required to get the prior
524 approval of the package retailer before any wine is shipped to the
525 package retailer. A purchaser is limited to no more than ten (10)
526 cases of wine per year to be shipped to a package retailer. A
527 package retailer shall notify a purchaser of wine within two (2)
528 days after receiving the shipment of wine. If the purchaser of



529 the wine does not pick up or take the wine from the package
530 retailer within thirty (30) days after being notified by the
531 package retailer, the package retailer may sell the wine as part
532 of his inventory.

533 (c) Shipments of wine into this state under this
534 section shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. It shall be the
535 duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or
536 corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside
537 the state for delivery inside the state to package retailer
538 permittees on behalf of consumers, to prepare and file with the
539 department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of
540 known wine shipments containing the name of the common or contract
541 carrier, firm or corporation making the report, the period of time
542 covered by said report, the name and permit number of the winery,
543 the name and permit number of the package retailer permittee
544 receiving such wine, the weight of the package delivered to each
545 package retailer permittee, a unique tracking number, and the date
546 of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made
547 available by the department to the public via the Mississippi
548 Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state
549 alcohol filings.

550 Upon the department's request, any records supporting the
551 report shall be made available to the department within a
552 reasonable time after the department makes a written request for
553 such records. Any records containing information relating to such



554 reports shall be kept and preserved for a period of two (2) years,
555 unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the
556 department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the
557 department upon the department's written request. Reports shall
558 also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body
559 in the state in which the railroad company, express company,
560 common or contract carrier making the report resides or does
561 business.

562 Any common or contract carrier that willfully fails to make
563 reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and
564 regulations of the department for the administration and
565 enforcement of this section, is subject to a notification of
566 violation. In the case of a continuing failure to make reports,
567 the common or contract carrier is subject to possible license
568 suspension and revocation at the department's discretion.

569 (d) A winery that ships wine under this section shall
570 be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the courts of
571 this state, of the department, of any other state agency regarding
572 the enforcement of this section, and of any related law, rules or
573 regulations.

574 (e) Any person who makes, participates in, transports,
575 imports or receives a shipment in violation of this section is
576 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be
577 punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or



578 imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months,
579 or both. Each shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

580 (13) If any provision of this article, or its application to
581 any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid
582 or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed
583 in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit
584 rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the
585 health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to
586 enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and
587 sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory
588 system imposed by this article upon all alcoholic beverages to
589 curb relationships and practices calculated to stimulate sales and
590 impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the
591 promotion of temperance.

592 **SECTION 15.** Section 67-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
593 amended as follows:

594 67-1-45. No manufacturer, rectifier or distiller of
595 alcoholic beverages shall sell or attempt to sell any such
596 alcoholic beverages, except malt liquor, within the State of
597 Mississippi, except to the department, or as provided in Section
598 67-1-41, or pursuant to Section 67-1-51. A producer of native
599 wine or native spirit may sell native wines or native spirits,
600 respectively, to the department or to consumers at the location of
601 the native winery or native distillery or its immediate vicinity.
602 The holder of a direct wine shipper's permit may sell wines



603 directly to residents in this state as authorized by Sections 1
604 through 9 of this act.

605 Any violation of this section by any manufacturer, rectifier
606 or distiller shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five
607 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and not more than Two Thousand Dollars
608 (\$2,000.00), to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail
609 not to exceed six (6) months.

610 **SECTION 16.** Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
611 amended as follows:

612 67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department
613 shall be as follows:

614 (a) **Manufacturer's permit.** A manufacturer's permit
615 shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and
616 storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to
617 manufacturers holding permits under this article in this state and
618 to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase
619 the same, and to sell as provided by this article.

620 Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

621 Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall
622 authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the
623 production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation
624 and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining,
625 mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled
626 spirits and alcohol.



627 Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize
628 the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and
629 store wine or vinous liquor.

630 Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall
631 authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell
632 native wines.

633 Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall
634 authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell
635 native spirits.

636 (b) **Package retailer's permit.** Except as otherwise
637 provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package
638 retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a
639 store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and
640 unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines,
641 native spirits and edibles, not to be consumed on the premises
642 where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer
643 in any package or container containing less than fifty (50)
644 milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with
645 prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder
646 thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's
647 representative or his employees at the permitted place of business
648 so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this article and
649 applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be
650 provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In
651 addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages,



652 the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at
653 retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers,
654 other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages, and
655 fruits and foods that have been submerged in alcohol and are
656 commonly referred to as edibles. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by
657 the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on
658 the premises where sold.

659 (c) **On-premises retailer's permit.** Except as otherwise
660 provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises
661 retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages,
662 including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the
663 licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may
664 remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i)
665 the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course
666 of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the
667 permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is
668 placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be
669 visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt
670 for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of
671 a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine
672 to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees
673 ordered. In addition, an on-premises retailer's permittee at a
674 permitted premises located on Jefferson Davis Avenue within
675 one-half (1/2) mile north of U.S. Highway 90 may serve alcoholic
676 beverages by the glass to a patron in a vehicle using a



677 drive-through method of delivery if the permitted premises is
678 located in a leisure and recreation district established under
679 Section 67-1-101. Such a sale will be considered to be made on
680 the permitted premises. An on-premises retailer's permit shall be
681 issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small
682 craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with
683 adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas,
684 whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in
685 its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such
686 establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's
687 permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale
688 and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle
689 while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of
690 such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle
691 is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an
692 on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier
693 operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along
694 with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to
695 carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide
696 overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and
697 (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of
698 Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
699 of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
700 Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters
701 within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.



702 (d) **Solicitor's permit.** A solicitor's permit shall
703 authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer
704 or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his
705 employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote
706 his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit
707 shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1)
708 principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the
709 discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to
710 represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell
711 alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage
712 shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of
713 such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler
714 or manufacturer in the state.

715 (e) **Native wine retailer's permit.** Except as otherwise
716 provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine
717 retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3
718 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to
719 make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises
720 consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened
721 containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in
722 the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to
723 consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine
724 retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages
725 not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of
726 foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%)



727 of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those
728 authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in
729 which the native wine retailer is located.

730 (f) **Temporary retailer's permit.** Except as otherwise
731 provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's
732 permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic
733 beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal
734 hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

735 Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following
736 classes:

737 Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona
738 fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the
739 sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native
740 spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary
741 permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants
742 demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under
743 penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed
744 date or such other time as the department may determine, that they
745 meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2)
746 and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59.
747 Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from
748 package retailers located in the county in which the temporary
749 permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon
750 expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the
751 permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase



752 price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the
753 permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to
754 all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of
755 alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the
756 statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the
757 applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

758 Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70)
759 days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer
760 a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class
761 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the
762 department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury,
763 that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(1), (m), (n),
764 (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and
765 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the
766 statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the
767 applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

768 Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic
769 beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the
770 department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous
771 permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2
772 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the
773 application or statement, the applicant shall never again be
774 eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject
775 to prosecution for perjury.



776 Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a
777 retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of
778 wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail
779 establishment at an open house or promotional event, for
780 consumption only on the premises described in the temporary
781 permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant
782 demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under
783 penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed
784 date or such other time as the department may determine, that it
785 meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2)
786 and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59.
787 A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from
788 the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county
789 in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock
790 upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the
791 Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a
792 refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package
793 retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder
794 exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws
795 pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic
796 beverages. The department, following review of the statement
797 provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable
798 statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may
799 receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a
800 calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to



801 a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued
802 under paragraph (1) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued
803 under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing
804 the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine
805 or beer.

806 (g) **Caterer's permit.** A caterer's permit shall permit
807 the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in
808 business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by
809 such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person
810 shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of
811 the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the
812 serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic
813 beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such
814 business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall
815 not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of
816 the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder
817 of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit.
818 When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an
819 affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the
820 caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic
821 beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed
822 location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or
823 affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be
824 required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic
825 beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the



826 location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise
827 provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made
828 only for consumption at the catered location. The location being
829 catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that
830 has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale
831 and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by
832 law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions
833 and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail
834 permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees
835 shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic
836 beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this
837 paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the
838 identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control
839 Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be
840 left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion
841 of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement
842 officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may
843 enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce
844 laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

845 (h) **Research permit.** A research permit shall authorize
846 the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the
847 professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall
848 authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited
849 amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from



850 importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for
851 professional research.

852 (i) **Alcohol processing permit.** An alcohol processing
853 permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport
854 and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking,
855 processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic
856 beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit
857 shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the
858 premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking,
859 processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic
860 beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an
861 alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

862 (j) **Hospitality cart permit.** A hospitality cart permit
863 shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart
864 on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's
865 permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be
866 consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

867 (k) **Special service permit.** A special service permit
868 shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic
869 beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for
870 en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit
871 shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with
872 an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated
873 services to commercial and private aircraft.



874 (1) **Merchant permit.** Except as otherwise provided in
875 subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued
876 only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or
877 a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve
878 complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at
879 the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking
880 school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the
881 holder of a package retailer's permit.

882 (m) **Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction**
883 **permit.** A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be
884 issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is
885 exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the
886 Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the
887 holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of
888 raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction
889 that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following
890 requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the
891 state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if
892 the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises
893 retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be
894 auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages
895 sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the
896 premises immediately following the auction, and may not be
897 consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct
898 more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit



899 holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person
900 to arrange or conduct the auction.

901 (n) **Event venue retailer's permit.** An event venue
902 retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase
903 and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native
904 spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during
905 events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at
906 the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to
907 the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees.
908 The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two
909 hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may
910 accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and
911 such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted
912 along with all other documents required to be provided for an
913 on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the
914 majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but
915 not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live
916 entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not
917 include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be
918 construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This
919 determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may
920 not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

921 (o) **Temporary theatre permit.** A temporary theatre
922 permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable
923 nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section



924 501(c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates
925 a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical
926 performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in
927 subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the
928 holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and
929 native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and
930 productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such
931 performances and productions on the premises of the facility
932 described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall
933 obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in
934 the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages
935 remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit
936 may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a
937 refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer
938 or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and
939 consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale
940 and possession of alcoholic beverages.

941 (p) **Charter ship operator's permit.** Subject to the
942 provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit
943 shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve,
944 monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability
945 of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during
946 private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A
947 charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the
948 permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages



949 brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit
950 holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic
951 beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion
952 of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall
953 not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise
954 supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in
955 this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p),
956 "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is
957 certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers
958 and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50)
959 passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of
960 Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
961 of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
962 Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours
963 and trips in such waters.

964 (q) **Distillery retailer's permit.** The holder of a
965 Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's
966 permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder
967 thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for
968 on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and
969 unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for
970 off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product
971 manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in
972 the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises
973 consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add



974 other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of
975 other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed
976 twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those
977 authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in
978 which the distillery retailer is located.

979 The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent
980 (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its
981 distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than
982 two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the
983 aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery
984 to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the
985 distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale
986 shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this
987 article. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not
988 required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold
989 by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution
990 warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic
991 beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the
992 holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges
993 on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of
994 alcoholic beverages shipped by the department or its warehouse
995 operator. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a
996 distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional
997 products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats,



998 glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by
999 alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

1000 (r) **Festival Wine Permit.** Any wine manufacturer or
1001 native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state
1002 is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit
1003 authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to
1004 festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed,
1005 unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this
1006 permit may provide samples at no charge to participants.
1007 "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are
1008 present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The
1009 holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the
1010 alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from
1011 the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the
1012 holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the
1013 department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this
1014 permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges
1015 on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed
1016 upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic
1017 Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.
1018 Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and
1019 returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued
1020 per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2)
1021 consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises
1022 permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the



1023 permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local
1024 Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This
1025 permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at
1026 which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

1027 This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July
1028 1, 2026.

1029 (s) **Charter vessel operator's permit.** Subject to the
1030 provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's
1031 permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to
1032 sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit
1033 holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and
1034 sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall
1035 authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including
1036 native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during
1037 public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset
1038 cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel
1039 operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the
1040 premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit.
1041 For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator"
1042 means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least
1043 forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters
1044 within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10
1045 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
1046 Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of
1047 the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi,



1048 extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties,
1049 and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such
1050 waters as provided in this paragraph(s).

1051 (t) **Native spirit retailer's permit.** Except as
1052 otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native
1053 spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a
1054 Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder
1055 thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for
1056 on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and
1057 unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of
1058 or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling
1059 to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native
1060 spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic
1061 beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total
1062 volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty
1063 percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the
1064 same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or
1065 county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

1066 (u) **Delivery service permit.** Any individual, limited
1067 liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do
1068 business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service
1069 permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this
1070 permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent
1071 contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages,
1072 beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer



1073 to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of
1074 age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does
1075 not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light
1076 wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a
1077 permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of
1078 alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product.
1079 The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises
1080 retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine
1081 and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is
1082 authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege
1083 separate from its existing retail permit.

1084 (v) **Food truck permit.** A food truck permit shall
1085 authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a
1086 food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests
1087 who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the
1088 purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased
1089 food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that
1090 a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor,
1091 standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks,
1092 sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term
1093 "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized.
1094 Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from
1095 schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required
1096 for on-premises retailer's permittees under this article, and all
1097 sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district



1098 established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or
1099 serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and
1100 cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a
1101 twenty-five percent (25%) food sale revenue requirement based on
1102 the food sold from the food truck alone. The hours allowed for
1103 sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's
1104 permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for
1105 the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this article to
1106 cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice
1107 of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each
1108 location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

1109 (w) Direct wine shipper's permit. A direct wine
1110 shipper's permit shall authorize the holder to sell and ship a
1111 limited amount of wine directly to residents in this state in
1112 accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 through 9 of this
1113 act, without being required to transact the sale and shipment of
1114 those wines through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the
1115 department.

1116 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this
1117 section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail
1118 permit, at the discretion of the department.

1119 (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no
1120 authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or
1121 store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this
1122 article within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school,



1123 kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned
1124 commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less
1125 than one hundred (100) feet.

1126 (b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance
1127 restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing
1128 issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1)
1129 of this section, to authorize activity relating to the
1130 manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would
1131 otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion.
1132 Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing
1133 body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home
1134 having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver
1135 shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming
1136 effective.

1137 (c) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1138 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1139 beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National
1140 Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1141 beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National
1142 Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is
1143 located in a municipality having a population greater than one
1144 hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal
1145 decennial census.



1146 (d) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1147 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1148 beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section
1149 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

1150 (e) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1151 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1152 beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a
1153 municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a
1154 municipal school district and used by the municipal school
1155 district as a district bus shop facility.

1156 (f) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1157 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1158 beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at
1159 least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately
1160 six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi
1161 Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

1162 (g) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1163 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1164 beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at or near
1165 the intersection of Ward and Tate Streets and adjacent properties
1166 in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

1167 (h) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1168 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1169 beverages at a theatre facility that features plays and other
1170 theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of



1171 seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned
1172 by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand
1173 (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii)
1174 was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of
1175 Historic Places, and (v) is located in a historic district.

1176 (i) The distance restrictions imposed in this
1177 subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic
1178 beverages at a licensed premises in a building located
1179 approximately one and six-tenths (1.6) miles north of the
1180 intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4
1181 on the west side of Mississippi Highway 15.

1182 (4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm,
1183 partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a
1184 stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or
1185 control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's
1186 permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same
1187 household of such person, any relative of such person, if living
1188 in the same household of such person, or any other person living
1189 in the same household with such person own any interest in any
1190 other package retailer's permit.

1191 (5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under
1192 this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection
1193 (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may
1194 sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a
1195 patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit



1196 and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of
1197 the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and
1198 may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of
1199 the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located
1200 within a leisure and recreation district created under Section
1201 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the
1202 leisure and recreation district while in possession of the
1203 alcoholic beverage or wine.

1204 (b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
1205 allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted
1206 premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this
1207 article.

1208 **SECTION 17.** Section 67-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1209 amended as follows:

1210 67-1-53. (1) Application for permits shall be in such form
1211 and shall contain such information as shall be required by the
1212 regulations of the * * * department; however, no regulation of
1213 the * * * department shall require personal financial information
1214 from any officer of a corporation applying for an on-premises
1215 retailer's permit to sell alcoholic beverages unless such officer
1216 owns ten percent (10%) or more of the stock of such corporation.

1217 (2) Every applicant for each type of permit authorized by
1218 Section 67-1-51 shall give notice of such application by
1219 publication for two (2) consecutive issues in a newspaper of
1220 general circulation published in the city or town in which



1221 applicant's place of business is located. However, in instances
1222 where no newspaper is published in the city or town, then the
1223 notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation
1224 published in the county where the applicant's business is located.
1225 If no newspaper is published in the county, the notice shall be
1226 published in a qualified newspaper which is published in the
1227 closest neighboring county and circulated in the county of
1228 applicant's residence. The notice shall be printed in ten-point
1229 black face type and shall set forth the type of permit to be
1230 applied for, the exact location of the place of business, the name
1231 of the owner or owners thereof, and if operating under an assumed
1232 name, the trade name together with the names of all owners, and if
1233 a corporation, the names and titles of all officers. The cost of
1234 such notice shall be borne by the applicant. The provisions of
1235 this subsection (2) shall not apply to applicants for a direct
1236 wine shipper's permit under Sections 1 through 9 of this act.

1237 (3) Each application or filing made under this section shall
1238 include the social security number(s) of the applicant in
1239 accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

1240 **SECTION 18.** Section 67-1-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1241 amended as follows:

1242 67-1-55. No permit of any type shall be issued by the * * *
1243 department until the applicant has first filed with the * * *
1244 department a sworn statement disclosing all persons who are
1245 financially involved in the operation of the business for which



1246 the permit is sought. If an applicant is an individual, he will
1247 swear that he owns one hundred percent (100%) of the business for
1248 which he is seeking a permit. If the applicant is a partnership,
1249 all partners and their addresses shall be disclosed and the extent
1250 of their interest in the partnership shall be disclosed. If the
1251 applicant is a corporation, the total stock in the corporation
1252 shall be disclosed and each shareholder and his address and the
1253 amount of stock in the corporation owned by him shall be
1254 disclosed. If the applicant is a limited liability company, each
1255 member and their addresses shall be disclosed and the extent of
1256 their interest in the limited liability company shall be
1257 disclosed. If the applicant is a trust, the trustee and all
1258 beneficiaries and their addresses shall be disclosed. If the
1259 applicant is a combination of any of the above, all information
1260 required to be disclosed above shall be required.

1261 All the disclosures shall be in writing and kept on file at
1262 the * * * department and shall be available to the public.

1263 Every applicant must, when applying for a renewal of his
1264 permit, disclose any change in the ownership of the business or
1265 any change in the beneficiaries of the income from the business.

1266 Any person who willfully fails to fully disclose the
1267 information required by this section, or who gives false
1268 information, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction
1269 thereof, shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars
1270 (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both,



1271 and the person or applicant shall never again be eligible for any
1272 permit pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

1273 The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons
1274 applying for a direct wine shipper's permit under Sections 1
1275 through 9 of this act.

1276 **SECTION 19.** Section 67-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1277 amended as follows:

1278 67-1-57. Before a permit is issued the department shall
1279 satisfy itself:

1280 (a) That the applicant, if an individual, or if a
1281 partnership, each of the members of the partnership, or if a
1282 corporation, each of its principal officers and directors, or if a
1283 limited liability company, each member of the limited liability
1284 company, is of good moral character and, in addition, enjoys a
1285 reputation of being a peaceable, law-abiding citizen of the
1286 community in which he resides, and is generally fit for the trust
1287 to be reposed in him, is not less than twenty-one (21) years of
1288 age, and has not been convicted of a felony in any state or
1289 federal court.

1290 (b) That, except in the case of an application for a
1291 solicitor's permit, the applicant is the true and actual owner of
1292 the business for which the permit is desired, and that he intends
1293 to carry on the business authorized for himself and not as the
1294 agent of any other person, and that he intends to superintend in
1295 person the management of the business or that he will designate a



1296 manager to manage the business for him. Except for managers
1297 employed by the holder of a direct wine shipper's permit, all
1298 managers must be approved by the department prior to completing
1299 any managerial tasks on behalf of the permittee and must possess
1300 all of the qualifications required of a permittee; however, a
1301 felony conviction, other than a crime of violence, does not
1302 automatically disqualify a person from being approved as a manager
1303 if the person was released from incarceration at least three (3)
1304 years prior to application for approval as a manager. A felony
1305 conviction, other than a crime of violence, may be considered by
1306 the department in determining whether all other qualifications are
1307 met.

1308 (c) That the applicant for a package retailer's permit,
1309 if an individual, is a resident of the State of Mississippi. If
1310 the applicant is a partnership, each member of the partnership
1311 must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a limited
1312 liability company, each member of the limited liability company
1313 must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a
1314 corporation, the designated manager of the corporation must be a
1315 resident of the state.

1316 (d) That the place for which the permit is to be issued
1317 is an appropriate one considering the character of the premises
1318 and the surrounding neighborhood.

1319 (e) That the place for which the permit is to be issued
1320 is within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality or



1321 qualified resort area or club which comes within the provisions of
1322 this article.

1323 (f) That the applicant is not indebted to the state for
1324 any taxes, fees or payment of penalties imposed by any law of the
1325 State of Mississippi or by any rule or regulation of the * * *
1326 department.

1327 (g) That the applicant is not in the habit of using
1328 alcoholic beverages to excess and is not physically or mentally
1329 incapacitated, and that the applicant has the ability to read and
1330 write the English language.

1331 (h) That the * * * department does not believe and has
1332 no reason to believe that the applicant will sell or knowingly
1333 permit any agent, servant or employee to unlawfully sell liquor in
1334 a dry area or in any other manner contrary to law.

1335 (i) That the applicant is not residentially domiciled
1336 with any person whose permit or license has been cancelled for
1337 cause within the twelve (12) months next preceding the date of the
1338 present application for a permit.

1339 (j) That the * * * department has not, in the exercise
1340 of its discretion which is reserved and preserved to it, refused
1341 to grant permits under the restrictions of this section, as well
1342 as under any other pertinent provision of this article.

1343 (k) That there are not sufficient legal reasons to deny
1344 a permit on the ground that the premises for which the permit is
1345 sought has previously been operated, used or frequented for any



1346 purpose or in any manner that is lewd, immoral or offensive to
1347 public decency. In the granting or withholding of any permit to
1348 sell alcoholic beverages at retail, the * * department in forming
1349 its conclusions may give consideration to any recommendations made
1350 in writing by the district or county attorney or county, circuit
1351 or chancery judge of the county, or the sheriff of the county, or
1352 the mayor or chief of police of an incorporated city or town
1353 wherein the applicant proposes to conduct his business and to any
1354 recommendations made by representatives of the * * * department.

1355 (1) That the applicant and the applicant's key
1356 employees, as determined by the * * * department, do not have a
1357 disqualifying criminal record. In order to obtain a criminal
1358 record history check, the applicant shall submit to the * * *
1359 department a set of fingerprints from any local law enforcement
1360 agency for each person for whom the records check is required.
1361 The * * * department shall forward the fingerprints to the
1362 Mississippi Department of Public Safety. If no disqualifying
1363 record is identified at the state level, the Department of Public
1364 Safety shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
1365 Investigation for a national criminal history record check. Costs
1366 for processing the set or sets of fingerprints shall be borne by
1367 the applicant. The department may waive the fingerprint
1368 requirement in the case of an applicant for a direct wine
1369 shipper's permit. The * * * department shall not deny employment



1370 to an employee of the applicant prior to the identification of a
1371 disqualifying record or other disqualifying information.

1372 **SECTION 20.** Section 67-1-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1373 amended as follows:

1374 67-1-73. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)
1375 of this section, every manufacturer, including native wine or
1376 native spirit producers, within or without the state, and every
1377 other shipper of alcoholic beverages who sells any alcoholic
1378 beverage, including native wine or native spirit, within the
1379 state, shall, at the time of making such sale, file with the
1380 department a copy of the invoice of such sale showing in detail
1381 the kind of alcoholic beverage sold, the quantities of each, the
1382 size of the container and the weight of the contents, the
1383 alcoholic content, and the name and address of the person to whom
1384 sold.

1385 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this
1386 section, every person transporting alcoholic beverages, including
1387 native wine or native spirit, within this state to a point within
1388 this state, whether such transportation originates within or
1389 without this state, shall, within five (5) days after delivery of
1390 such shipment, furnish the department a copy of the bill of lading
1391 or receipt, showing the name or consignor or consignee, date,
1392 place received, destination, and quantity of alcoholic beverages
1393 delivered. Upon failure to comply with the provisions of this
1394 section, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and,



1395 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in the sum of Fifty
1396 Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

1397 (3) Information regarding the sales, shipment, delivery and
1398 transportation of wine in this state by the holder of a direct
1399 wine shipper's permit under Sections 1 through 9 of this act shall
1400 be in such form and content as prescribed by the department.

1401 **SECTION 21.** Section 97-31-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1402 amended as follows:

1403 97-31-47. It shall be unlawful for any transportation
1404 company, or any agent, employee, or officer of such company, or
1405 any other person, or corporation to transport into or deliver in
1406 this state in any manner or by any means any spirituous, vinous,
1407 malt, or other intoxicating liquors or drinks, or for any such
1408 person, company, or corporation to transport any spirituous, malt,
1409 vinous, or intoxicating liquors or drinks from one place within
1410 this state to another place within the state, or from one (1)
1411 point within this state to any point without the state, except in
1412 cases where this chapter * * *, Section 67-9-1, or Sections 1
1413 through 9 of this act authorizes the transportation.

1414 **SECTION 22.** Section 97-31-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
1415 amended as follows:

1416 97-31-49. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 through
1417 9 of this act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or
1418 corporation in this state, in person, by letter, circular, or
1419 other printed or written matter, or in any other manner, to



1420 solicit or take order in this state for any liquors, bitters or
1421 drinks prohibited by the laws of this state to be sold, bartered,
1422 or otherwise disposed of. The inhibition of this section shall
1423 apply to such liquors, bitters and drinks, whether the parties
1424 intend that the same shall be shipped into this state from outside
1425 of the state, or from one (1) point in this state to another point
1426 in this state. If such order be in writing, parol evidence
1427 thereof is admissible without producing or accounting for the
1428 absence of the original; and the taking or soliciting of such
1429 orders is within the inhibition of this section, although the
1430 orders are subject to approval by some other person, and no part
1431 of the price is paid, nor any part of the goods is delivered when
1432 the order is taken.

1433 **SECTION 23.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
1434 and after July 1, 2024.

