

By: Representative Steverson

To: State Affairs

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1599

1       AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "BEER" UNDER THE LAWS THAT REGULATE THE  
3 MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCT AND BEER;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6       **SECTION 1.** Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8       67-3-3. When used in this chapter, unless the context  
9 indicates otherwise:

10       (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of  
11 the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, and his  
12 authorized agents and employees.

13       (b) "Person" means one or more persons, a company, a  
14 corporation, a partnership, a syndicate or an association.

15       (c) "Brewpub" shall have the meaning ascribed to such  
16 term in Section 27-71-301.

17       (d) "Beer" means a malt beverage as defined in the  
18 Federal Alcohol Administration Act and any rules and regulations  
19 adopted pursuant to such act of an alcoholic content of not less

20       than one-half of one percent (1/2%) and not more than eight  
21       percent (8%) by weight.

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

24               (f) "Small craft brewery" means a person having a  
25       permit under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light  
26       spirit product or beer in this state and who manufactures or brews  
27       not more than sixty thousand (60,000) barrels of light wine, light  
28       spirit product or beer at all breweries that such person or its  
29       affiliates, subsidiary or parent company owns or controls or with  
30       whom such person contracts with for the manufacture of light wine,  
31       light spirit product or beer. For purposes of this paragraph,  
32       contract-brewed beer manufactured by a person having a permit  
33       under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light spirit  
34       product or beer shall be included in the sixty-thousand-barrel  
35       limitation.

36               (g) "Growler" means a sealed container that holds not  
37       more than one hundred twenty-eight (128) ounces of light wine,  
38       light spirit product or beer. A growler must have a label on it  
39       stating what it contains.

40               (h) "Manufacturer" shall have the meaning ascribed to  
41       such term in Section 27-71-301.

42               (i) "Contract-brewed beer" means beer brewed by a  
43       manufacturer who:

44 (i) Makes the beer pursuant to a written contract  
45 with another beer manufacturer, and neither entity has a  
46 controlling interest in the other entity;

47 (ii) Makes the beer in accordance with a recipe  
48 that is a trade secret of the beer manufacturer having its beer  
49 made under contract; and

50 (iii) Has no right to sell the beer to any other  
51 beer manufacturer, importer or wholesaler other than the beer  
52 manufacturer who contracted for the beer.

53 (j) "Light spirit product" means a beverage of an  
54 alcoholic content of not more than six percent (6%) by weight and  
55 containing one or more distilled spirits, as defined in Section  
56 67-1-5.

62           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
63 and after July 1, 2025.

