

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:



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

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

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

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

(k) "Microbrewery" means a person having a permit under this chapter to manufacture or brew light wine, light spirit product or beer in this state and who manufactures or brews not more than three thousand (3,000) barrels of light wine, light spirit product or beer at its permitted location.

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

