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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 603

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE A DISTILLER, WINE MANUFACTURER, BREWER, RECTIFIER,
3 BLENDER OR BOTTLER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO HAVE A FINANCIAL
4 INTEREST IN A PREMISES UPON WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD AT
5 RETAIL BY A PERMITTEE OR IN THE BUSINESS OF THE PERMITTEE IF THE
6 PERMITTEE DOES NOT SELL OR SERVE ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PRODUCED
7 BY SUCH DISTILLER, WINE MANUFACTURER, BREWER, RECTIFIER, BLENDER
8 OR BOTTLER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 67-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 amended as follows:

12 67-1-77. (1) It shall be unlawful for the holder of a
13 manufacturer's or wholesaler's permit, or anyone connected with
14 the business of such holder, or for any other distiller, wine
15 manufacturer, brewer, rectifier, blender, or bottler, to have any
16 financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic
17 beverage is sold at retail by any permittee, or in the business
18 conducted by such permittee, except that:

19 (a) The holder of a manufacturer's or wholesaler's
20 permit may contract for the service of a representative in the
21 area of governmental affairs on a part-time basis with a holder of
22 an on-premises permit.

23 (b) A distiller, wine manufacturer, brewer, rectifier,
24 blender or bottler may have a financial interest in a premises
25 upon which alcoholic beverages are sold at retail by a permittee,
26 or in the business conducted by a permittee, if the permittee does
27 not sell or serve any alcoholic beverages that are distilled,
28 manufactured, brewed, rectified, blended or bottled by the
29 distiller, wine manufacturer, brewer, rectifier, blender or



30 bottler having the financial interest in the premises or in the
31 business conducted by a permittee.

32 (2) It shall also be unlawful for any such person, or anyone
33 connected with his, its, or their business to lend any money or
34 make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any retail permittee,
35 except as authorized by regulations of the commission, to the
36 holder of any retail permit issued under the provisions of this
37 chapter. Except as above provided, no retail permittee shall
38 accept, receive, or make use of any money or gift furnished by any
39 such person, or become indebted to such person except for the
40 purchase of alcoholic beverages.

41 (3) The commission shall not prohibit the furnishing of
42 advertising specialties, printed materials, or other things having
43 nominal value to a retail permittee. This section shall not be
44 construed to prohibit the possession by any person of advertising
45 specialties, printed materials, or other things having nominal
46 value furnished by a retail permittee.

47 (4) Any person violating the provisions of this section
48 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than
49 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more
50 than two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the
51 discretion of the court.

52 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after its passage.

