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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.

