

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 changing Section 6-2 and by adding Sections 6-1.5 and 6-4.5 as
6 follows:

7 (235 ILCS 5/6-1.5 new)

8 Sec. 6-1.5. Three-tier regulatory system; public policy
9 and rule of statutory construction. The General Assembly hereby
10 restates that it is the policy of this State that the primary
11 purpose of this Act is to protect the health, safety, and
12 welfare of this State through the sound and careful control and
13 regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of
14 alcoholic liquor through a 3-tier regulatory system. To ensure
15 and maintain a 3-tier regulatory system, the General Assembly
16 finds that it is the obligation and duty of the State
17 Commission to construe the provisions of this Act in a manner
18 that conforms to State policy and this Act's primary purpose as
19 articulated in this Section and to exercise its statutory
20 authority in a manner consistent with that purpose whether or
21 not the provisions of this Act are unambiguous or capable of
22 one or more reasonable constructions.

1 (235 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 120)

2 Sec. 6-2. Issuance of licenses to certain persons
3 prohibited.

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
5 Section and in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 3-12,
6 no license of any kind issued by the State Commission or any
7 local commission shall be issued to:

8 (1) A person who is not a resident of any city, village
9 or county in which the premises covered by the license are
10 located; except in case of railroad or boat licenses.

11 (2) A person who is not of good character and
12 reputation in the community in which he resides.

13 (3) A person who is not a citizen of the United States.

14 (4) A person who has been convicted of a felony under
15 any Federal or State law, unless the Commission determines
16 that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to
17 warrant the public trust after considering matters set
18 forth in such person's application and the Commission's
19 investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient
20 rehabilitation shall be on the applicant.

21 (5) A person who has been convicted of keeping a place
22 of prostitution or keeping a place of juvenile
23 prostitution, promoting prostitution that involves keeping
24 a place of prostitution, or promoting juvenile
25 prostitution that involves keeping a place of juvenile
26 prostitution.

1 (6) A person who has been convicted of pandering or
2 other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency and morality.

3 (7) A person whose license issued under this Act has
4 been revoked for cause.

5 (8) A person who at the time of application for renewal
6 of any license issued hereunder would not be eligible for
7 such license upon a first application.

8 (9) A copartnership, if any general partnership
9 thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more
10 than 5% of the aggregate limited partner interest in such
11 copartnership would not be eligible to receive a license
12 hereunder for any reason other than residence within the
13 political subdivision, unless residency is required by
14 local ordinance.

15 (10) A corporation or limited liability company, if any
16 member, officer, manager or director thereof, or any
17 stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more
18 than 5% of the stock of such corporation, would not be
19 eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason
20 other than citizenship and residence within the political
21 subdivision.

22 (10a) A corporation or limited liability company
23 unless it is incorporated or organized in Illinois, or
24 unless it is a foreign corporation or foreign limited
25 liability company which is qualified under the Business
26 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company

1 Act to transact business in Illinois. The Commission shall
2 permit and accept from an applicant for a license under
3 this Act proof prepared from the Secretary of State's
4 website that the corporation or limited liability company
5 is in good standing and is qualified under the Business
6 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company
7 Act to transact business in Illinois.

8 (11) A person whose place of business is conducted by a
9 manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the
10 same qualifications required by the licensee.

11 (12) A person who has been convicted of a violation of
12 any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture,
13 possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, subsequent to the
14 passage of this Act or has forfeited his bond to appear in
15 court to answer charges for any such violation.

16 (13) A person who does not beneficially own the
17 premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a
18 lease thereon for the full period for which the license is
19 to be issued.

20 (14) Any law enforcing public official, including
21 members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor,
22 alderman, or member of the city council or commission, any
23 president of the village board of trustees, any member of a
24 village board of trustees, or any president or member of a
25 county board; and no such official shall have a direct
26 interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of

1 alcoholic liquor, except that a license may be granted to
2 such official in relation to premises that are not located
3 within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that
4 official if the issuance of such license is approved by the
5 State Liquor Control Commission and except that a license
6 may be granted, in a city or village with a population of
7 50,000 or less, to any alderman, member of a city council,
8 or member of a village board of trustees in relation to
9 premises that are located within the territory subject to
10 the jurisdiction of that official if (i) the sale of
11 alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to
12 the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the license is
13 approved by the State Commission, (iii) the issuance of the
14 license is in accordance with all applicable local
15 ordinances in effect where the premises are located, and
16 (iv) the official granted a license does not vote on
17 alcoholic liquor issues pending before the board or council
18 to which the license holder is elected. Notwithstanding any
19 provision of this paragraph (14) to the contrary, an
20 alderman or member of a city council or commission, a
21 member of a village board of trustees other than the
22 president of the village board of trustees, or a member of
23 a county board other than the president of a county board
24 may have a direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or
25 distribution of alcoholic liquor as long as he or she is
26 not a law enforcing public official, a mayor, a village

1 board president, or president of a county board. To prevent
2 any conflict of interest, the elected official with the
3 direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution
4 of alcoholic liquor shall not participate in any meetings,
5 hearings, or decisions on matters impacting the
6 manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor.
7 Furthermore, the mayor of a city with a population of
8 50,000 or less or the president of a village with a
9 population of 50,000 or less may have an interest in the
10 manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor as
11 long as the council or board over which he or she presides
12 has made a local liquor control commissioner appointment
13 that complies with the requirements of Section 4-2 of this
14 Act.

15 (15) A person who is not a beneficial owner of the
16 business to be operated by the licensee.

17 (16) A person who has been convicted of a gambling
18 offense as proscribed by any of subsections (a) (3) through
19 (a) (11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section
20 28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
21 Criminal Code of 2012, or as proscribed by a statute
22 replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions.

23 (17) A person or entity to whom a federal wagering
24 stamp has been issued by the federal government, unless the
25 person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under
26 the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games

1 Act.

2 (18) A person who intends to sell alcoholic liquors for
3 use or consumption on his or her licensed retail premises
4 who does not have liquor liability insurance coverage for
5 that premises in an amount that is at least equal to the
6 maximum liability amounts set out in subsection (a) of
7 Section 6-21.

8 (19) A person who is licensed by any licensing
9 authority as a manufacturer of beer, or any partnership,
10 corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any
11 subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form
12 of business enterprise licensed as a manufacturer of beer,
13 having any legal, equitable, or beneficial interest,
14 directly or indirectly, in a person licensed in this State
15 as a distributor or importing distributor. For purposes of
16 this paragraph (19), a person who is licensed by any
17 licensing authority as a "manufacturer of beer" shall also
18 mean a brewer and a non-resident dealer who is also a
19 manufacturer of beer, including a partnership,
20 corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any
21 subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form
22 of business enterprise licensed as a manufacturer of beer.

23 (20) A person who is licensed in this State as a
24 distributor or importing distributor, or any partnership,
25 corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any
26 subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form

1 of business enterprise licensed in this State as a
2 distributor or importing distributor having any legal,
3 equitable, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly,
4 in a person licensed as a manufacturer of beer by any
5 licensing authority, or any partnership, corporation,
6 limited liability company, or trust or any subsidiary,
7 affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form of business
8 enterprise, except for a person who owns, on or after the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
10 Assembly, no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
11 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
12 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act
13 of 1934. For the purposes of this paragraph (20), a person
14 who is licensed by any licensing authority as a
15 "manufacturer of beer" shall also mean a brewer and a
16 non-resident dealer who is also a manufacturer of beer,
17 including a partnership, corporation, limited liability
18 company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent
19 thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed
20 as a manufacturer of beer.

21 (b) A criminal conviction of a corporation is not grounds
22 for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license applied
23 for or held by the corporation if the criminal conviction was
24 not the result of a violation of any federal or State law
25 concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic
26 liquor, the offense that led to the conviction did not result

1 in any financial gain to the corporation and the corporation
2 has terminated its relationship with each director, officer,
3 employee, or controlling shareholder whose actions directly
4 contributed to the conviction of the corporation. The
5 Commission shall determine if all provisions of this subsection
6 (b) have been met before any action on the corporation's
7 license is initiated.

8 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; 97-1059, eff. 8-24-12;
9 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

10 (235 ILCS 5/6-4.5 new)

11 Sec. 6-4.5. Prohibited ownership interests in a
12 distributor, importing distributor, manufacturer of beer, or
13 non-resident dealer.

14 (a) The General Assembly finds, consistent with Section
15 6-1.5, that the 3-tier regulatory system is designed to prevent
16 a manufacturer of beer as described in paragraph (19) of
17 subsection (a) of Section 6-2 from exercising vertical
18 integration between a manufacturer of beer and a distributor or
19 importing distributor through any ownership interest, or
20 through control of the distributor or importing distributor.
21 The General Assembly further finds, consistent with Section
22 6-1.5, that the 3-tier regulatory system is designed to prevent
23 a distributor or importing distributor as described in
24 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 from having any
25 ownership interest in a manufacturer of beer as described in

1 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 except for the
2 ownership of no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
3 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
4 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of
5 1934. The General Assembly further finds that it is necessary
6 to have the State Commission undertake an expedited
7 investigation, in accordance with procedural due process, to
8 determine whether any existing manufacturer of beer described
9 in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 or any
10 existing distributor or importing distributor described in
11 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 owns a
12 prohibited ownership interest, and an orderly process by which
13 an existing manufacturer of beer, distributor, or importing
14 distributor may divest itself of or sever the prohibited
15 ownership interest by no later than January 1, 2015.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the
17 contrary, no person licensed as a manufacturer of beer as
18 described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2
19 shall have any prohibited ownership interest, directly or
20 indirectly, in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
21 distributor. Any person who holds a prohibited ownership
22 interest in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
23 distributor prior to this amendatory Act of the 98th General
24 Assembly shall, in accordance with paragraph (19) of subsection
25 (a) of Section 6-2, be ineligible to receive or hold any
26 license issued by the State Commission, unless that person

1 complies with the provisions of this Section.

2 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the
3 contrary, no person licensed in this State as a distributor or
4 importing distributor as described in paragraph (20) of
5 subsection (a) of Section 6-2 shall have any prohibited
6 ownership interest, directly or indirectly, in a person
7 licensed as a manufacturer of beer as described in paragraph
8 (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2. Any person who holds an
9 interest in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
10 distributor in this State prior to this amendatory Act of the
11 98th General Assembly shall, in accordance with paragraph (20)
12 of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, be ineligible to receive or
13 hold a license by the State Commission, unless the person
14 complies with the provisions of this Section. This subsection
15 (c) shall not apply to a person who owns, on or after the
16 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
17 Assembly, no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
18 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
19 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of
20 1934.

21 (d) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
22 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the State
23 Commission shall notify in writing all persons licensed by the
24 State Commission as a manufacturer of beer, as described in
25 paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 of the
26 prohibited ownership interest provision set forth in

1 subsection (b) of this Section and paragraph (19) of subsection
2 (a) of Section 6-2. Also within 30 days after the effective
3 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the
4 State Commission shall notify in writing all persons licensed
5 by the State Commission as a distributor or importing
6 distributor of the prohibited ownership interest provision set
7 forth in subsection (c) of this Section and paragraph (20) of
8 subsection (a) of Section 6-2. The notice provided by the State
9 Commission shall also state for a manufacturer of beer, as
10 described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2,
11 that it is required to disclose in writing any ownership
12 interest it directly or indirectly possesses in a distributor
13 or importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
14 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, the type and amount of ownership
15 interest possessed by it, the length of time the manufacturer
16 of beer has held the ownership interest in the distributor or
17 importing distributor, and any other information specified by
18 the State Commission in its written notice. The notice provided
19 by the State Commission shall also state for a distributor or
20 importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
21 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, that it is required to disclose
22 in writing any ownership interest it directly or indirectly
23 possesses in a manufacturer of beer, as described in paragraph
24 (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, the type and amount of
25 ownership interest possessed by it, the length of time the
26 manufacturer of beer has held the ownership interest in the

1 distributor or importing distributor, and any other
2 information specified by the State Commission in its written
3 notice.

4 (e) Within 60 days after the effective date of this
5 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, each manufacturer
6 of beer, distributor, or importing distributor subject to
7 notification under subsection (d) of this Section shall
8 disclose in writing and under oath the relevant ownership
9 interest and other required information specified in the
10 notification provided by the State Commission pursuant to that
11 subsection. The written disclosure shall, as a mandatory
12 obligation, be tendered to the State Commission by either
13 personal service or via certified or registered mail at the
14 State Commission's Springfield or Chicago office on or before
15 the 60th day during regular business hours. Failure to tender
16 the required written disclosure shall result in the immediate
17 entry of an order by the State Commission suspending the
18 licensee's license within 5 days after the 60th day, and the
19 initiation of proceedings by the State Commission to enter an
20 order to permanently revoke the licensee's license no later
21 than 45 days after providing the licensee with notice and an
22 opportunity for a hearing. Whenever the State Commission has
23 reason to believe that a person has failed to comply with the
24 Commission notice under this Section, it shall notify the
25 Department of Revenue and the Attorney General, and shall file
26 a complaint with the State's Attorney of the county where the

1 alcoholic liquor was delivered or with appropriate law
2 enforcement officials. Failure to make the written disclosure
3 required under this subsection shall constitute a business
4 offense for which the person shall be fined not more than
5 \$5,000 for a first offense, not more than \$10,000 for a second
6 offense, and not more than \$15,000 for a third or subsequent
7 offense.

8 (f) Within 180 days after the effective date of this
9 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the State
10 Commission shall review each of the disclosures tendered to the
11 State Commission by licensees pursuant to subsection (e) and
12 enter an order determining whether or not each licensee is in
13 compliance with subsection (b) or (c) of this Section,
14 whichever is applicable, after providing each licensee with
15 notice and an opportunity for a hearing. As part of making its
16 determination, the State Commission shall also consider any
17 information otherwise admissible under Section 10-40 of the
18 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

19 (g) If the State Commission determines, based on a
20 preponderance of record evidence, that a manufacturer of beer,
21 distributor, or importing distributor has no prohibited
22 ownership interest in a licensee in violation of subsection (b)
23 or (c) of this Section, then the State Commission shall enter
24 an order finding that the manufacturer of beer, distributor, or
25 importing distributor is in compliance with this Section,
26 record the matter as closed, and serve a copy of the order of

1 compliance on the licensee and each person with an ownership
2 interest in the licensee.

3 If the State Commission determines, based on a
4 preponderance of record evidence, that a manufacturer of beer,
5 as described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section
6 6-2, has a prohibited ownership interest as set forth in
7 subsection (b) of this Section, then the State Commission shall
8 enter an order finding that the manufacturer of beer is not in
9 compliance with this Section and that the manufacturer of beer
10 shall divest itself of that interest on or before January 1,
11 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of the
12 successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's authority
13 provided in this Act. In addition, the State Commission shall
14 find that the relevant distributor or importing distributor is
15 not in compliance with this Section and that the distributor or
16 importing distributor is required to sever the prohibited
17 ownership interest possessed by the relevant manufacturer of
18 beer on or before January 1, 2015, subject to the State
19 Commission's approval of the successive owner pursuant to the
20 State Commission's authority provided in this Act.

21 If the State Commission determines, based on a
22 preponderance of record evidence, that a distributor or
23 importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
24 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, has a prohibited ownership
25 interest as set forth in subsection (c) of this Section, then
26 the State Commission shall enter an order finding that the

1 relevant distributor or importing distributor is not in
2 compliance with this Section and that the relevant distributor
3 or importing distributor shall divest itself of that interest
4 on or before January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's
5 approval of the successive owner pursuant to the State
6 Commission's authority provided in this Act. In addition, the
7 State Commission shall find that the manufacturer of beer is
8 not in compliance with this Section and that the manufacturer
9 of beer shall sever the prohibited ownership interest possessed
10 by the distributor or importing distributor on or before
11 January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of
12 the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
13 authority provided in this Act.

14 The State Commission's order shall further find that the
15 continued ownership of the prohibited ownership interest
16 beyond January 1, 2015 by the manufacturer of beer,
17 distributor, or importing distributor is against the public
18 interest and a violation of this Section and Section 6-1.5 of
19 the Act.

20 The State Commission's order shall further find for a
21 manufacturer of beer, as described in paragraph (19) of
22 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, found in non-compliance with
23 subsection (b) of this Section that its license is revoked on
24 January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or sale of any
25 alcoholic liquor to the relevant distributor or importing
26 distributor that the manufacturer of beer has a prohibited

1 ownership interest in if that interest is not properly divested
2 on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval
3 of the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
4 authority provided in this Act. In addition, the State
5 Commission shall find that the license of a distributor or
6 importing distributor that is subject to the prohibited
7 ownership interest of the manufacturer of beer is revoked on
8 January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or sale of
9 alcoholic liquor from the relevant manufacturer of beer to any
10 retailer if that ownership interest is not properly severed on
11 January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of
12 the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
13 authority provided in this Act.

14 The State Commission's order shall further find for a
15 distributor or importing distributor, as described in
16 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, found in
17 non-compliance with subsection (c) of this Section, that its
18 license is revoked on January 16, 2015 as to the transport,
19 transfer, or sale of any alcoholic liquor from the relevant
20 manufacturer of beer to any retailer if that prohibited
21 ownership interest in the manufacturer of beer is not properly
22 divested on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's
23 approval of the successive owner pursuant to the State
24 Commission's authority provided in this Act. In addition, the
25 State Commission shall find that the license of the
26 manufacturer of beer that is subject to the prohibited

1 ownership interest of a distributor or importing distributor is
2 revoked on January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or
3 sale of alcoholic liquor to the distributor or importing
4 distributor if that ownership interest is not properly severed
5 on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval
6 of the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
7 authority provided in this Act.

8 The State Commission shall serve a copy of the order of
9 non-compliance on the licensee and each person with an
10 ownership interest in the licensee.

11 (h) If a person with a prohibited ownership interest in a
12 licensee under subsection (b) or (c) of this Section succeeds
13 in divesting itself of or severing that interest and obtains
14 the State Commission's approval of the successive owner
15 pursuant to its authority provided in this Act on or before
16 January 1, 2015, then the State Commission shall enter an order
17 finding that the licensee is in compliance, record the matter
18 as closed, and serve a copy of the order of compliance on the
19 licensee and each person with an ownership interest in the
20 licensee.

21 If a person with a prohibited ownership interest in
22 violation of subsection (b) or (c) of this Section fails to
23 divest itself of or sever that interest and obtain the State
24 Commission's approval of the successive owner pursuant to the
25 State Commission's authority provided in this Act on or before
26 January 1, 2015, then the State Commission shall, after notice

1 and an opportunity for a hearing, revoke each licensee's
2 license as specified in subsection (g) of this Section on
3 January 16, 2015. The State Commission, when entering the
4 order, shall give notice to the person by certified mail to
5 cease and desist all shipments of alcoholic liquor into or
6 within this State and to withdraw from this State within 5
7 working days after receipt of the notice all shipments of
8 alcoholic liquor in transit. Whenever the State Commission has
9 reason to believe that a person has failed to comply with the
10 State Commission's notice under this Section, it shall notify
11 the Department of Revenue and the Attorney General, and shall
12 file a complaint with the State's Attorney of the county where
13 the alcoholic liquor was delivered, or with appropriate law
14 enforcement officials. Failure to comply with the notice issued
15 by the State Commission under this Section is against the
16 public interest and constitutes a business offense for which
17 the person shall be fined not more than \$5,000 for a first
18 offense, not more than \$10,000 for a second offense, and not
19 more than \$15,000 for a third or subsequent offense. Each
20 shipment or transfer of alcoholic liquor in violation of the
21 cease and desist notice shall constitute a separate offense.

22 (i) The power and authority granted to the State Commission
23 under this Section is in addition to any existing power or
24 authority the State Commission has under this Act and its
25 exercise shall be accorded precedence on the State Commission's
26 meeting agenda so as to fully accommodate the schedule for any

1 proceeding under the provisions of this Section. Nothing in
2 this Act shall be construed as limiting or otherwise impairing
3 the ability of the State Commission to conduct future
4 investigations and proceedings sua sponte or pursuant to a
5 complaint to ensure compliance with this Section or paragraph
6 (19) or (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 of this Act. Any
7 future investigations and proceedings shall be conducted by the
8 State Commission on an expedited basis and pursuant to an
9 initiating order entered by the State Commission. The State
10 Commission shall enter its initiating order within 30 days
11 after the receipt of a complaint. The initiating order shall
12 set forth a schedule by which the required notices,
13 disclosures, determinations, or orders specified in
14 subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall be made or
15 entered, and the period of time by which a licensee shall
16 divest itself of or sever a prohibited ownership interest,
17 which shall be no later than 540 days after the entry of the
18 initiating order.

19 (j) Any association or non-profit corporation representing
20 beer distributors in this State shall have standing to
21 intervene and otherwise participate as a party in any
22 proceeding undertaken by the State Commission under this
23 Section to review and determine compliance or non-compliance
24 with this Section.

25 (k) For purposes of this Section, the term "ownership
26 interest" means a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest

1 recognized under Illinois law. The term "prohibited ownership
2 interest" means an ownership interest in a distributor,
3 importing distributor, or manufacturer of beer as specified in
4 this Section.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.