

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 3-12 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/3-12)

7 Sec. 3-12. Powers and duties of State Commission.

8 (a) The State commission shall have the following powers,
9 functions, and duties:

10 (1) To receive applications and to issue licenses to
11 manufacturers, foreign importers, importing distributors,
12 distributors, non-resident dealers, on premise consumption
13 retailers, off premise sale retailers, special event
14 retailer licensees, special use permit licenses, auction
15 liquor licenses, brew pubs, caterer retailers,
16 non-beverage users, railroads, including owners and
17 lessees of sleeping, dining and cafe cars, airplanes,
18 boats, brokers, and wine maker's premises licensees in
19 accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to suspend
20 or revoke such licenses upon the State commission's
21 determination, upon notice after hearing, that a licensee
22 has violated any provision of this Act or any rule or
23 regulation issued pursuant thereto and in effect for 30

1 days prior to such violation. Except in the case of an
2 action taken pursuant to a violation of Section 6-3, 6-5,
3 or 6-9, any action by the State Commission to suspend or
4 revoke a licensee's license may be limited to the license
5 for the specific premises where the violation occurred.

6 In lieu of suspending or revoking a license, the
7 commission may impose a fine, upon the State commission's
8 determination and notice after hearing, that a licensee has
9 violated any provision of this Act or any rule or
10 regulation issued pursuant thereto and in effect for 30
11 days prior to such violation.

12 For the purpose of this paragraph (1), when determining
13 multiple violations for the sale of alcohol to a person
14 under the age of 21, a second or subsequent violation for
15 the sale of alcohol to a person under the age of 21 shall
16 only be considered if it was committed within 5 years after
17 the date when a prior violation for the sale of alcohol to
18 a person under the age of 21 was committed.

19 The fine imposed under this paragraph may not exceed
20 \$500 for each violation. Each day that the activity, which
21 gave rise to the original fine, continues is a separate
22 violation. The maximum fine that may be levied against any
23 licensee, for the period of the license, shall not exceed
24 \$20,000. The maximum penalty that may be imposed on a
25 licensee for selling a bottle of alcoholic liquor with a
26 foreign object in it or serving from a bottle of alcoholic

1 liquor with a foreign object in it shall be the destruction
2 of that bottle of alcoholic liquor for the first 10 bottles
3 so sold or served from by the licensee. For the eleventh
4 bottle of alcoholic liquor and for each third bottle
5 thereafter sold or served from by the licensee with a
6 foreign object in it, the maximum penalty that may be
7 imposed on the licensee is the destruction of the bottle of
8 alcoholic liquor and a fine of up to \$50.

9 (2) To adopt such rules and regulations consistent with
10 the provisions of this Act which shall be necessary to
11 carry on its functions and duties to the end that the
12 health, safety and welfare of the People of the State of
13 Illinois shall be protected and temperance in the
14 consumption of alcoholic liquors shall be fostered and
15 promoted and to distribute copies of such rules and
16 regulations to all licensees affected thereby.

17 (3) To call upon other administrative departments of
18 the State, county and municipal governments, county and
19 city police departments and upon prosecuting officers for
20 such information and assistance as it deems necessary in
21 the performance of its duties.

22 (4) To recommend to local commissioners rules and
23 regulations, not inconsistent with the law, for the
24 distribution and sale of alcoholic liquors throughout the
25 State.

26 (5) To inspect, or cause to be inspected, any premises

1 in this State where alcoholic liquors are manufactured,
2 distributed, warehoused, or sold. Nothing in this Act
3 authorizes an agent of the Commission to inspect private
4 areas within the premises without reasonable suspicion or a
5 warrant during an inspection. "Private areas" include, but
6 are not limited to, safes, personal property, and closed
7 desks.

8 (5.1) Upon receipt of a complaint or upon having
9 knowledge that any person is engaged in business as a
10 manufacturer, importing distributor, distributor, or
11 retailer without a license or valid license, to notify the
12 local liquor authority, file a complaint with the State's
13 Attorney's Office of the county where the incident
14 occurred, or initiate an investigation with the
15 appropriate law enforcement officials.

16 (5.2) To issue a cease and desist notice to persons
17 shipping alcoholic liquor into this State from a point
18 outside of this State if the shipment is in violation of
19 this Act.

20 (5.3) To receive complaints from licensees, local
21 officials, law enforcement agencies, organizations, and
22 persons stating that any licensee has been or is violating
23 any provision of this Act or the rules and regulations
24 issued pursuant to this Act. Such complaints shall be in
25 writing, signed and sworn to by the person making the
26 complaint, and shall state with specificity the facts in

1 relation to the alleged violation. If the Commission has
2 reasonable grounds to believe that the complaint
3 substantially alleges a violation of this Act or rules and
4 regulations adopted pursuant to this Act, it shall conduct
5 an investigation. If, after conducting an investigation,
6 the Commission is satisfied that the alleged violation did
7 occur, it shall proceed with disciplinary action against
8 the licensee as provided in this Act.

9 (6) To hear and determine appeals from orders of a
10 local commission in accordance with the provisions of this
11 Act, as hereinafter set forth. Hearings under this
12 subsection shall be held in Springfield or Chicago, at
13 whichever location is the more convenient for the majority
14 of persons who are parties to the hearing.

15 (7) The commission shall establish uniform systems of
16 accounts to be kept by all retail licensees having more
17 than 4 employees, and for this purpose the commission may
18 classify all retail licensees having more than 4 employees
19 and establish a uniform system of accounts for each class
20 and prescribe the manner in which such accounts shall be
21 kept. The commission may also prescribe the forms of
22 accounts to be kept by all retail licensees having more
23 than 4 employees, including but not limited to accounts of
24 earnings and expenses and any distribution, payment, or
25 other distribution of earnings or assets, and any other
26 forms, records and memoranda which in the judgment of the

1 commission may be necessary or appropriate to carry out any
2 of the provisions of this Act, including but not limited to
3 such forms, records and memoranda as will readily and
4 accurately disclose at all times the beneficial ownership
5 of such retail licensed business. The accounts, forms,
6 records and memoranda shall be available at all reasonable
7 times for inspection by authorized representatives of the
8 State commission or by any local liquor control
9 commissioner or his or her authorized representative. The
10 commission, may, from time to time, alter, amend or repeal,
11 in whole or in part, any uniform system of accounts, or the
12 form and manner of keeping accounts.

13 (8) In the conduct of any hearing authorized to be held
14 by the commission, to appoint, at the commission's
15 discretion, hearing officers to conduct hearings involving
16 complex issues or issues that will require a protracted
17 period of time to resolve, to examine, or cause to be
18 examined, under oath, any licensee, and to examine or cause
19 to be examined the books and records of such licensee; to
20 hear testimony and take proof material for its information
21 in the discharge of its duties hereunder; to administer or
22 cause to be administered oaths; for any such purpose to
23 issue subpoena or subpoenas to require the attendance of
24 witnesses and the production of books, which shall be
25 effective in any part of this State, and to adopt rules to
26 implement its powers under this paragraph (8).

1 Any Circuit Court may by order duly entered, require
2 the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant
3 books subpoenaed by the State commission and the court may
4 compel obedience to its order by proceedings for contempt.

5 (9) To investigate the administration of laws in
6 relation to alcoholic liquors in this and other states and
7 any foreign countries, and to recommend from time to time
8 to the Governor and through him or her to the legislature
9 of this State, such amendments to this Act, if any, as it
10 may think desirable and as will serve to further the
11 general broad purposes contained in Section 1-2 hereof.

12 (10) To adopt such rules and regulations consistent
13 with the provisions of this Act which shall be necessary
14 for the control, sale or disposition of alcoholic liquor
15 damaged as a result of an accident, wreck, flood, fire or
16 other similar occurrence.

17 (11) To develop industry educational programs related
18 to responsible serving and selling, particularly in the
19 areas of overserving consumers and illegal underage
20 purchasing and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

21 (11.1) To license persons providing education and
22 training to alcohol beverage sellers and servers under the
23 Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and
24 Training (BASSET) programs and to develop and administer a
25 public awareness program in Illinois to reduce or eliminate
26 the illegal purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverage

1 products by persons under the age of 21. Application for a
2 license shall be made on forms provided by the State
3 Commission.

4 (12) To develop and maintain a repository of license
5 and regulatory information.

6 (13) On or before January 15, 1994, the Commission
7 shall issue a written report to the Governor and General
8 Assembly that is to be based on a comprehensive study of
9 the impact on and implications for the State of Illinois of
10 Section 1926 of the Federal ADAMHA Reorganization Act of
11 1992 (Public Law 102-321). This study shall address the
12 extent to which Illinois currently complies with the
13 provisions of P.L. 102-321 and the rules promulgated
14 pursuant thereto.

15 As part of its report, the Commission shall provide the
16 following essential information:

17 (i) the number of retail distributors of tobacco
18 products, by type and geographic area, in the State;

19 (ii) the number of reported citations and
20 successful convictions, categorized by type and
21 location of retail distributor, for violation of the
22 Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and
23 Distribution of Tobacco Products Act and the Smokeless
24 Tobacco Limitation Act;

25 (iii) the extent and nature of organized
26 educational and governmental activities that are

1 intended to promote, encourage or otherwise secure
2 compliance with any Illinois laws that prohibit the
3 sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors; and
4 (iv) the level of access and availability of
5 tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18.

6 To obtain the data necessary to comply with the
7 provisions of P.L. 102-321 and the requirements of this
8 report, the Commission shall conduct random, unannounced
9 inspections of a geographically and scientifically
10 representative sample of the State's retail tobacco
11 distributors.

12 The Commission shall consult with the Department of
13 Public Health, the Department of Human Services, the
14 Illinois State Police and any other executive branch
15 agency, and private organizations that may have
16 information relevant to this report.

17 The Commission may contract with the Food and Drug
18 Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human
19 Services to conduct unannounced investigations of Illinois
20 tobacco vendors to determine compliance with federal laws
21 relating to the illegal sale of cigarettes and smokeless
22 tobacco products to persons under the age of 18.

23 (14) On or before April 30, 2008 and every 2 years
24 thereafter, the Commission shall present a written report
25 to the Governor and the General Assembly that shall be
26 based on a study of the impact of this amendatory Act of

1 the 95th General Assembly on the business of soliciting,
2 selling, and shipping wine from inside and outside of this
3 State directly to residents of this State. As part of its
4 report, the Commission shall provide all of the following
5 information:

6 (A) The amount of State excise and sales tax
7 revenues generated.

8 (B) The amount of licensing fees received.

9 (C) The number of cases of wine shipped from inside
10 and outside of this State directly to residents of this
11 State.

12 (D) The number of alcohol compliance operations
13 conducted.

14 (E) The number of winery shipper's licenses
15 issued.

16 (F) The number of each of the following: reported
17 violations; cease and desist notices issued by the
18 Commission; notices of violations issued by the
19 Commission and to the Department of Revenue; and
20 notices and complaints of violations to law
21 enforcement officials, including, without limitation,
22 the Illinois Attorney General and the U.S. Department
23 of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

24 (15) As a means to reduce the underage consumption of
25 alcoholic liquors, the Commission shall conduct alcohol
26 compliance operations to investigate whether businesses

1 that are soliciting, selling, and shipping wine from inside
2 or outside of this State directly to residents of this
3 State are licensed by this State or are selling or
4 attempting to sell wine to persons under 21 years of age in
5 violation of this Act.

6 (16) The Commission shall, in addition to notifying any
7 appropriate law enforcement agency, submit notices of
8 complaints or violations of Sections 6-29 and 6-29.1 by
9 persons who do not hold a winery shipper's license under
10 this amendatory Act to the Illinois Attorney General and to
11 the U.S. Department of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax
12 and Trade Bureau.

13 (17) (A) A person licensed to make wine under the laws
14 of another state who has a winery shipper's license under
15 this amendatory Act and annually produces less than 25,000
16 gallons of wine or a person who has a first-class or
17 second-class wine manufacturer's license, a first-class or
18 second-class wine-maker's license, or a limited wine
19 manufacturer's license under this Act and annually
20 produces less than 25,000 gallons of wine may make
21 application to the Commission for a self-distribution
22 exemption to allow the sale of not more than 5,000 gallons
23 of the exemption holder's wine to retail licensees per
24 year.

25 (B) In the application, which shall be sworn under
26 penalty of perjury, such person shall state (1) the

1 date it was established; (2) its volume of production
2 and sales for each year since its establishment; (3)
3 its efforts to establish distributor relationships;
4 (4) that a self-distribution exemption is necessary to
5 facilitate the marketing of its wine; and (5) that it
6 will comply with the liquor and revenue laws of the
7 United States, this State, and any other state where it
8 is licensed.

9 (C) The Commission shall approve the application
10 for a self-distribution exemption if such person: (1)
11 is in compliance with State revenue and liquor laws;
12 (2) is not a member of any affiliated group that
13 produces more than 25,000 gallons of wine per annum or
14 produces any other alcoholic liquor; (3) will not
15 annually produce for sale more than 25,000 gallons of
16 wine; and (4) will not annually sell more than 5,000
17 gallons of its wine to retail licensees.

18 (D) A self-distribution exemption holder shall
19 annually certify to the Commission its production of
20 wine in the previous 12 months and its anticipated
21 production and sales for the next 12 months. The
22 Commission may fine, suspend, or revoke a
23 self-distribution exemption after a hearing if it
24 finds that the exemption holder has made a material
25 misrepresentation in its application, violated a
26 revenue or liquor law of Illinois, exceeded production

1 of 25,000 gallons of wine in any calendar year, or
2 become part of an affiliated group producing more than
3 25,000 gallons of wine or any other alcoholic liquor.

4 (E) Except in hearings for violations of this Act
5 or amendatory Act or a bona fide investigation by duly
6 sworn law enforcement officials, the Commission, or
7 its agents, the Commission shall maintain the
8 production and sales information of a
9 self-distribution exemption holder as confidential and
10 shall not release such information to any person.

11 (F) The Commission shall issue regulations
12 governing self-distribution exemptions consistent with
13 this Section and this Act.

14 (G) Nothing in this subsection (17) shall prohibit
15 a self-distribution exemption holder from entering
16 into or simultaneously having a distribution agreement
17 with a licensed Illinois distributor.

18 (H) It is the intent of this subsection (17) to
19 promote and continue orderly markets. The General
20 Assembly finds that in order to preserve Illinois'
21 regulatory distribution system it is necessary to
22 create an exception for smaller makers of wine as their
23 wines are frequently adjusted in varietals, mixes,
24 vintages, and taste to find and create market niches
25 sometimes too small for distributor or importing
26 distributor business strategies. Limited

1 self-distribution rights will afford and allow smaller
2 makers of wine access to the marketplace in order to
3 develop a customer base without impairing the
4 integrity of the 3-tier system.

5 (18) (A) A craft brewer licensee, who must also be
6 either a licensed brewer or licensed non-resident dealer
7 and annually manufacture less than 930,000 gallons of beer,
8 may make application to the Commission for a
9 self-distribution exemption to allow the sale of not more
10 than 232,500 gallons of the exemption holder's beer to
11 retail licensees per year.

12 (B) In the application, which shall be sworn under
13 penalty of perjury, the craft brewer licensee shall
14 state (1) the date it was established; (2) its volume
15 of beer manufactured and sold for each year since its
16 establishment; (3) its efforts to establish
17 distributor relationships; (4) that a
18 self-distribution exemption is necessary to facilitate
19 the marketing of its beer; and (5) that it will comply
20 with the alcoholic beverage and revenue laws of the
21 United States, this State, and any other state where it
22 is licensed.

23 (C) Any application submitted shall be posted on
24 the Commission's website at least 45 days prior to
25 action by the Commission. The Commission shall approve
26 the application for a self-distribution exemption if

1 the craft brewer licensee: (1) is in compliance with
2 the State, revenue, and alcoholic beverage laws; (2) is
3 not a member of any affiliated group that manufacturers
4 more than 930,000 gallons of beer per annum or produces
5 any other alcoholic beverages; (3) shall not annually
6 manufacture for sale more than 930,000 gallons of beer;
7 and (4) shall not annually sell more than 232,500
8 gallons of its beer to retail licensees.

9 (D) A self-distribution exemption holder shall
10 annually certify to the Commission its manufacture of
11 beer during the previous 12 months and its anticipated
12 manufacture and sales of beer for the next 12 months.
13 The Commission may fine, suspend, or revoke a
14 self-distribution exemption after a hearing if it
15 finds that the exemption holder has made a material
16 misrepresentation in its application, violated a
17 revenue or alcoholic beverage law of Illinois,
18 exceeded the manufacture of 930,000 gallons of beer in
19 any calendar year or became part of an affiliated group
20 manufacturing more than 930,000 gallons of beer or any
21 other alcoholic beverage.

22 (E) The Commission shall issue rules and
23 regulations governing self-distribution exemptions
24 consistent with this Act.

25 (F) Nothing in this paragraph (18) shall prohibit a
26 self-distribution exemption holder from entering into

1 or simultaneously having a distribution agreement with
2 a licensed Illinois importing distributor or a
3 distributor. If a self-distribution exemption holder
4 enters into a distribution agreement and has assigned
5 distribution rights to an importing distributor or
6 distributor, then the self-distribution exemption
7 holder's distribution rights in the assigned
8 territories shall cease in a reasonable time not to
9 exceed 60 days.

10 (G) It is the intent of this paragraph (18) to
11 promote and continue orderly markets. The General
12 Assembly finds that in order to preserve Illinois'
13 regulatory distribution system, it is necessary to
14 create an exception for smaller manufacturers in order
15 to afford and allow such smaller manufacturers of beer
16 access to the marketplace in order to develop a
17 customer base without impairing the integrity of the
18 3-tier system.

19 (b) On or before April 30, 1999, the Commission shall
20 present a written report to the Governor and the General
21 Assembly that shall be based on a study of the impact of this
22 amendatory Act of 1998 on the business of soliciting, selling,
23 and shipping alcoholic liquor from outside of this State
24 directly to residents of this State.

25 As part of its report, the Commission shall provide the
26 following information:

1 (i) the amount of State excise and sales tax revenues
2 generated as a result of this amendatory Act of 1998;

3 (ii) the amount of licensing fees received as a result
4 of this amendatory Act of 1998;

5 (iii) the number of reported violations, the number of
6 cease and desist notices issued by the Commission, the
7 number of notices of violations issued to the Department of
8 Revenue, and the number of notices and complaints of
9 violations to law enforcement officials.

10 (Source: P.A. 97-5, eff. 6-1-11; 98-401, eff. 8-16-13.)