

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERAULT

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Provides relative to shipping to consumers from local distillers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 26:2(38) and (39) and 82.2, relative to the transfer and sale of certain alcoholic  
3 beverages; to provide for definitions; to provide for self-distribution; to provide for  
4 limitations; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 26:2(38) and (39) and 82.2 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2. Definitions

8 For purposes of this Chapter, the following terms have the respective  
9 meanings ascribed to them in this Section, unless a different meaning clearly appears  
10 from the context:

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12 (38) "Distilling facility" means the licensed premises of a manufacturing  
13 distillery where liquor is manufactured for the primary purpose of selling the  
14 finished product for resale and that is authorized to sell or serve to the public liquor  
15 manufactured at the facility for consumption on or off the licensed premises of a  
16 manufacturer as defined in this Section.

17 (39) "Premises", "licensed premises" or "premises to be licensed" means the  
18 building or that part of the building as defined in the application for the permit in  
19 which alcoholic beverages having an alcoholic content of more than six percent by

1 volume are sold. Except when such beverages are regularly sold or served outside  
2 the building, the terms also include the outside area of the building.

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4 §82.2. Transfer

5 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a manufacturing  
6 distillery that operates a distilling facility located entirely within this state and that  
7 holds an in-state manufacturer's permit may use a wholesaler, for a set fee, to transfer  
8 liquor manufactured at the distilling facility to another distilling facility in this state  
9 owned wholly by the manufacturing distillery to sell or serve to the public for  
10 consumption on or off the licensed premises under the following circumstances:

11 A. The transferring distilling facility shall manufacture no less than four  
12 thousand gallons of liquor annually. The receiving distilling facility, owned wholly  
13 by the same manufacturing distillery as the transferring distilling facility, shall  
14 maintain one or more stills as part of the distillery's process of engaging in the  
15 material and essential aspects of manufacturing liquor for human consumption.

16 B. The quantity of liquor transferred to the distilling facility shall be  
17 included in the quantity limitation of a manufacturer as defined in R.S. 26:2 that sells  
18 products to the public for on or off the premises consumption.

19 C. The quantity of liquor transferred shall not exceed an amount greater than  
20 fifty percent of the receiving distilling facility's production of liquor for the previous  
21 month.

22 D. The receiving distilling facility shall remit all state and parish or  
23 municipal sales and excise taxes to the proper tax collecting authority for all products  
24 received and sold to the public.

25 Section 2. The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and directed to  
26 arrange in alphabetical order and renumber the definitions provided in R.S. 26:2.

27 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
2 effective on the day following such approval.
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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to shipping to consumers from local distillers.

Proposed law defines "distilling facility" as a licensed premises of a manufacturing distillery where liquor is manufactured for the primary purpose of selling and that is authorized to sell the finished product.

Proposed law defines "premises", "licensed premises" and "premises to be licensed" as the building or that part of the building where alcoholic beverages having an alcoholic content of more than 6% by volume are sold. Includes the outside area of a building if alcoholic beverages are regularly sold outside of the building.

Proposed law authorizes a manufacturer to use a wholesaler to transfer liquor manufactured at a distilling facility to another distilling facility in the state of La. to sell or serve to the public for consumption on or off the licensed premises if the manufacturer manufactures no less than 4,000 gallons of liquor annually; the manufacturer limits the amount of products sold to the public for on or off the licensed premises consumption; the quantity of liquor transferred does not exceed an amount greater than 50% of the distilling facility's production of liquor for the previous month; and all state and parish or municipal sales and excise taxes are paid to the proper tax collecting authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 26:2(38) and (39) and 82.2)