HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to Original House Bill No. 667 by Representative Reynolds

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 26:359(B)(1)(i)" to "R.S. 26:359(B)(1)(h) and (i), (B)(2) and
(3), (C), (D), (E), and (F) and to enact R.S. 26:359(B)(4)"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 3, after "Louisiana;" and before "and" insert "to authorize the commissioner 6 to promulgate rules; to provide for permit applications of certain wine producers, 7 manufacturers, and retailers; to provide permit fees; to specify the due date of a monthly 8 statement; to provide for additional penalties for violations; to provide for an effective date;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, change "R.S. 26:359(B)(1)(i) is" to "R.S. 26:359(B)(1)(h) and (i), (B)(2)
and (3), (C),(D),(E), and (F) are"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 6, after "reenacted" and before "to" insert "and R.S. 26:359(B)(4) is hereby
 enacted"

15 <u>AMENDMENT NO. 5</u>

16 On page 1, between line 15 and 16, insert "(h) The wine producer, manufacturer, or retailer

- domiciled outside of Louisiana has compiled with the provisions of Subsections \underline{B} , C and D of this Section."
- 19 <u>AMENDMENT NO. 6</u>
- 20 On page 2, line 3, after "this" change "Subsection." to "Section."
- 21 AMENDMENT NO. 7

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22 On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, add the following:

"(2) For all purposes under this Title, the point of sale for transactions made

24pursuant to this Subsection shall be the place of domicile of the wine producer,25manufacturer, or retailer. Delivery to the consumer in Louisiana shall be deemed to26have occurred upon the placing of such beverages into the possession of a common27carrier for transport into the state of Louisiana. In addition to the provisions in28Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the commissioner may promulgate rules in29accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act governing the sale and shipment30of sparkling wine or still wine directly to a Louisiana consumer.

(3) In addition to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, prior to
selling or shipping any sparkling wine or still wine directly to any consumer in
Louisiana, a wine producer or manufacturer or retailer domiciled outside of
Louisiana shall register apply with the state office of alcohol and tobacco control for
a permit to engage in direct shipment of sparkling wine and still wine on a
registration an application form promulgated by the commissioner. The registration
permit shall be renewed on an annual basis and updated within thirty days of any

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change of any information contained on the registration <u>application</u> form. <u>The</u> <u>annual fee for such permit shall be one thousand five hundred dollars.</u>

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(4) In addition to the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, prior to selling or shipping any sparkling wine or still wine directly to any consumer in Louisiana, a wine producer or manufacturer domiciled outside of Louisiana shall apply with the state office of alcohol and tobacco control for a permit to engage in direct shipment of sparkling wine and still wine on an application form promulgated by the commissioner. The permit shall be renewed on an annual basis and updated within thirty days of any change of any information contained on the application form. The annual fee for such permit shall be two hundred fifty dollars.

C.(1) Any wine producer or manufacturer, <u>domiciled outside of Louisiana</u>, of sparkling wine or still wine engaging in the direct sale and shipment of such beverages under the provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall make an annual application to the secretary of the Department of Revenue for authority to make such shipments and shall pay an annual fee of one hundred fifty dollars to the Department of Revenue prior to selling or shipping any sparkling wine or still wine to a consumer in the state of Louisiana.

(2) Any retailer, domiciled outside of Louisiana, of sparkling wine or still wine engaging in the direct shipment of such beverages under the provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall make an annual application to the secretary of the Department of Revenue for the authority to make such shipments and shall pay an annual fee of one thousand five hundred dollars to the Department of Revenue prior to selling or shipping any sparkling wine or still wine into the state of Louisiana.

(3) The annual application for authority to make such shipments shall be in a written form specified by the secretary of the Department of Revenue, and shall include the express agreement of the <u>out-of-state</u> wine producer, manufacturer, or out of state retailer to pay all excise and sales and use taxes assessed by the state of Louisiana on the sparkling wine or still wine sold and shipped pursuant to Subsection B of this Section. A copy of the current <u>out-of-state</u> wine producer's, manufacturer's, or out of state retailer's license issued to such <u>out-of-state</u> wine producer, manufacturer, or out of state retailer by the state in which the wine producer, manufacturer, or out of state retailer is domiciled shall be submitted to the secretary of the Department of Revenue with the application. No other permit or license shall be required of any such <u>out-of-state</u> wine producer, manufacturer, or out of state retailer in connection with the direct shipment of sparkling wine or still wine pursuant to Subsection B of this Section.

37 D.(1) Any out-of-state wine producer, manufacturer, or out-of-state retailer who sells and ships directly to a consumer in Louisiana pursuant to Subsection B of 38 39 this Section shall file a statement quarterly monthly indicating the amount of 40 sparkling wine or still wine shipped to the state of Louisiana with the secretary of the 41 Department of Revenue. The statement shall be filed by January twentieth, April 42 twentieth, July twentieth, and October the twentieth of each calendar year month and 43 shall indicate the total number of bottles sold and shipped during the preceding 44 month three-month period, the sizes of those bottles, the name brand of each 45 sparkling wine or still wine included in such shipments, the quantities of each 46 sparkling wine or still wine included in such shipments, and the price of each item 47 included in such shipments. All excise and sales and use taxes due to the state of 48 Louisiana on the sparkling wine or still wine sold and shipped pursuant to Subsection 49 B of this Section shall be remitted by company check drawn on an account in the 50 name of the permit holder or by electronic funds transfer at the time of the filing of 51 the required statement, and copies of all invoices transmitted with each shipment 52 shall be attached to the statement. This statement shall be made on forms prescribed 53 and furnished by the secretary of the Department of Revenue and shall include such 54 other information as the secretary of the Department of Revenue may require.

55 (2) Upon the request of the commissioner, the secretary of the Department 56 of Revenue may provide copies of the annual application or quarterly <u>monthly</u> statements filed by any <u>out-of-state</u> wine producer or manufacturer or any out-of-state retailer selling or shipping wine directly to a Louisiana consumer.

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33 34 (3)(a) Any person who transports sparkling wine or still wine for direct shipment into or out of the state in accordance with this Section shall register with the commissioner of the state office of alcohol and tobacco control.

(b) The commissioner shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for transport registrants that shall include regular reporting requirements related to size of containers and quantities of sparkling wine and still wine contained in each shipment <u>and any other reporting requirements</u> <u>deemed necessary by the commissioner</u>. The rules shall include requirements that prevent sales and deliveries to underage persons.

(c) Any person who transports sparkling wine or still wine for direct shipment into or out of the state in violation of this Section or the administrative rules shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to twenty-five thousand dollars <u>or the seizure of any sparkling wine or still wine</u>, or both."

E. The provisions of R.S. 26:85, 142, 143, 348 through 350, 360, 364, and 365 shall not apply to wine producers, manufacturers, and retailers only in connection with direct sales and shipments when authorized to engage in the direct sale and shipment of sparkling wine or still wine under the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

F. Any <u>out-of-state</u> retailer <u>domiciled outside of Louisiana</u> or <u>any</u> wine producer or manufacturer who violates any provision of this Section shall be subject to a civil penalty in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars. Any <u>out-of-state</u> retailer <u>domiciled outside of Louisiana</u> or any wine producer or manufacturer that sells and ships directly to consumers in Louisiana pursuant to <u>Subsection B of</u> this Section shall, on the application for authority to make such shipments filed with the secretary of the Department of Revenue <u>and on the application for a permit filed with</u> <u>the state office of alcohol and tobacco control</u> in accordance with <u>Subsection C of</u> this Section, acknowledge in writing the civil penalty established in this Subsection and shall consent to the imposition thereof upon violation of this Section. The secretary <u>or the commissioner</u> may initiate and maintain a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin any violation of this Section and to recover the civil penalty established in this Subsection, together with all costs and attorney fees incurred by the secretary <u>or the commissioner</u> incidental to any such action.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2016; if vetoed by the
governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on July 1, 2016, or on the day following such approval by the legislature,
whichever is later."