

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 561.14, F.S.; requiring specified distributors to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits to any person who is licensed or registered to sell alcoholic beverages by the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; limiting the persons from which a vendor may purchase or acquire alcoholic beverages for purposes of resale; specifying that a vendor selling certain alcoholic beverages is not required to be licensed as a distributor; deleting provisions relating to vendor pool buying groups; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 561.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

561.14 License and registration classification.—Licenses and registrations referred to in the Beverage Law shall be classified as follows:

(2) Distributors licensed to sell and distribute alcoholic beverages for resale ~~at wholesale~~ to persons who are licensed or registered to sell alcoholic beverages. Distributors licensed to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits shall sell and

27 distribute such wine or distilled spirits to all persons who are  
28 licensed or registered to sell such alcoholic beverages. Subject  
29 to s. 561.42(3), (4), and (5), or unless expressly provided  
30 otherwise by the Beverage Law, it is unlawful for a distributor  
31 to fail or refuse to sell its available wine or distilled  
32 spirits in like quantities and prices, and with like delivery  
33 services, to a person who is licensed or registered by the  
34 division.

35 (3) Vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on which  
36 excise taxes have been or will be paid by a distributor at  
37 ~~retail only~~. No vendor shall purchase or acquire in any manner  
38 for the purpose of resale any alcoholic beverages from any  
39 person not licensed as a vendor, ~~manufacturer, bottler, or~~  
40 distributor under the Beverage Law unless otherwise authorized.  
41 ~~Purchases of alcoholic beverages by vendors from vendors shall~~  
42 ~~be strictly limited to purchases between members of a pool~~  
43 ~~buying group for which the initial purchase of the alcoholic~~  
44 ~~beverages was ordered by a pool buying agent as a single~~  
45 ~~transaction. No vendor shall be a member of more than one~~  
46 ~~cooperative or pool buying group at any time. A~~ No vendor may  
47 not shall import, or engage in the importation of, any alcoholic  
48 beverages from places beyond the limits of the state, and the  
49 division may not require a vendor selling alcoholic beverages on  
50 which excise taxes are paid by a distributor to be licensed as a  
51 distributor.

52 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.