By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Steube

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to malt beverages; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; authorizing a distributor of malt beverages to give or sell specified glassware to vendors licensed to sell malt beverages for on-premises consumption; providing an annual limit on such glassware that may be given by a distributor to a vendor; prohibiting a vendor from selling single-service glassware or returning it to a distributor for cash or credit under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (14) of section 561.42, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

561.42 Tied house evil; financial aid and assistance to vendor by manufacturer, distributor, importer, primary American source of supply, brand owner or registrant, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, prohibited; procedure for enforcement; exception.—

(14) The division shall adopt reasonable rules governing promotional displays and advertising, which rules shall not conflict with or be more stringent than the federal regulations pertaining to such promotional displays and advertising furnished to vendors by distributors, manufacturers, importers, primary American sources of supply, or brand owners or registrants, or any sales agent or sales person thereof; however:

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(a) If a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverages beverage, or any sales agent or sales person thereof, provides a vendor with expendable retailer advertising specialties such as trays, coasters, mats, menu cards, napkins, cups, glassware glasses, thermometers, and the like, such items may be sold only at a price not less than the actual cost to the industry member who initially purchased them, without limitation in total dollar value of such items sold to a vendor.

(15) Notwithstanding paragraph (14) (a), a distributor of malt beverages may give or sell malt beverage branded singleservice glassware to a vendor licensed to sell malt beverages for on-premises consumption. A distributor may not give more than 5 cases that include up to 24 pieces per case of singleservice glassware per brand, per licensed premises, per calendar year, and a vendor may not sell any such glassware that is given by a distributor or return such glassware to the distributor for cash or credit.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.