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1	A bill to be entitled					
2	An act relating to distilled spirits; amending s.					
3	565.10, F.S.; increasing the size of distilled spirits					
4	containers that may be sold or distributed by a					
5	distributor or vendor; amending s. 565.17, F.S.;					
6	authorizing certain entities to conduct spirituous					
7	beverage tastings; authorizing certain entities to					
8	conduct tastings and sales at specified locations;					
9	providing requirements related to the issuance of					
10	permits; providing that a broker or sales agent may be					
11	used in place of a distillery representative at a					
12	spirituous beverage tasting; providing an effective					
13	date.					
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:					
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17	Section 1. Section 565.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to					
18	read:					
19	565.10 Distilled spirits container limit.—It is unlawful					
20	for any distributor or vendor to sell or distribute distilled					
21	spirits in any size container in excess of $\frac{1.8}{1.75}$ liters or					
22	60.87 59.18 ounces. The division is authorized to make					
23	reasonable rules in accordance with chapter 120 governing the					
24	standards of fill of distilled spirits containers, which rules					
25	shall not conflict with or be more stringent than the federal					
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26 regulations pertaining to such standards of fill of distilled 27 spirits containers.

28 Section 2. Section 565.17, Florida Statutes, is amended to 29 read:

30 565.17 Beverage tastings by distributors, craft 31 distilleries, and vendors.-

32 (1) A licensed distributor of spirituous beverages, a 33 distillery or craft distillery as defined in s. 565.03(1) or 34 licensed in any other state to manufacture distilled spirits, a 35 primary American source of supply as defined in s. 565.095(1) s. 36 565.03, or any vendor may is authorized to conduct spirituous 37 beverage tastings upon any licensed premises authorized to sell 38 spirituous beverages by package or for consumption on premises 39 without being in violation of s. 561.42, provided that the conduct of the spirituous beverage tasting <u>is</u> shall be limited 40 41 to and directed toward the general public of the age of legal 42 consumption.

<u>A distillery, craft distillery, or primary American</u> 43 (2) source of supply distilleries may conduct tastings and sales of 44 45 distilled spirits produced by the craft distilleries at Florida fairs, trade shows, farmers markets, expositions, and festivals. 46 47 The division shall issue permits to craft distilleries for such 48 tastings and sales. A distillery, craft distillery, or primary 49 American source of supply must pay all entry fees and must have a distillery representative, broker, or sales agent present 50

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51 during the event. The permit is limited to the duration and 52 physical location of the event.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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