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A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 402.82, F.S.; prohibiting electronic benefits transfer cards from being used or accepted to purchase an alcoholic beverage; amending s. 561.221, F.S.; providing requirements for a licensed manufacturer of malt beverages to sell such beverages directly to consumers; providing requirements for a licensed manufacturer to obtain a vendor's license; specifying circumstances under which a manufacturer may sell alcoholic beverages under its vendor's license; requiring a manufacturer to pay certain taxes and complete certain reports; providing applicability; amending s. 561.32, F.S.; providing procedures for manufacturers to comply with statutory maximum vendor's license requirements; amending s. 561.42, F.S.; deleting a prohibition against certain entities conducting tastings; revising requirements for promotional displays and advertising; amending s. 561.5101, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 561.57, F.S.; revising restrictions on the vehicle required for use by a vendor who transports alcoholic beverages; modifying provisions related to vehicle permits for vendors; amending s. 562.07, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 562.34, F.S.; providing that possessing and transporting a growler

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is lawful; amending s. 563.06, F.S.; conforming provisions; providing for a malt beverage to be packaged in a growler; providing requirements for growlers; creating s. 563.09, F.S.; authorizing a licensed manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or any contracted third-party agent thereof, of malt beverages to conduct a malt beverage tasting; providing requirements and limitations; creating s. 563.10, F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to install certain directional signs at specified locations upon the request of a craft brewery licensed in this state; requiring the requesting craft brewery to pay specified costs; amending s. 565.03, F.S.; defining the term "branded product"; revising the limitation on the number of containers that may be sold to consumers by craft distilleries; applying such limitation to individual containers for each branded product; prohibiting a craft distillery from shipping or arranging to ship any of its distilled spirits to consumers; limiting the sale and delivery of distilled spirits; revising a restriction on certain craft distillery ownership; requiring the Department of Transportation to install certain directional signs at specified locations upon the request of a craft distillery licensed in this state; requiring the requesting craft distillery to

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section

402.82, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

402.82 Electronic benefits transfer program.—

(4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer

pay specified costs; providing an effective date.

- (4) Use or acceptance of an electronic benefits transfer card is prohibited at the following locations or for the following activities:
- (a) The purchase of an alcoholic beverage as defined in s. 561.01 and sold pursuant to the Beverage Law and the purchase of any item sold at An establishment licensed under the Beverage Law to sell distilled spirits as a vendor and restricted as to the types of products that can be sold under ss. 565.04 and 565.045 or a bottle club as defined in s. 561.01.
- Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 561.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 561.221 Retail exceptions to manufacturing licenses;
 brewing exceptions to vendor licenses Licensing of manufacturers
 and distributors as vendors and of vendors as manufacturers;
 conditions and limitations.—
- (2) On or after July 1, 2015, the division may is authorized to issue one vendor's license licenses to a manufacturer of malt beverages at no more than eight licensed manufacturing premises for which the manufacturer has an

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interest, directly or indirectly, in the license. The
manufacturer must meet the following requirements:

- (a) A transaction must be a face-to-face transaction, which, notwithstanding s. 561.57(1), requires the consumer to be physically present on the licensed manufacturing premises at the time of purchase, or submit and pay for an online order before picking up the beverages, and to take physical receipt of the beverages on the licensed manufacturing premises.
- manufacturing premises consisting of a single complex that includes a brewery. Such premises may be divided by no more than one public street or highway. The licensed vendor premises shall be included on the sketch or diagram defining the licensed premises submitted with the manufacturer's license application pursuant to s. 561.01(11). All sketch or diagram revisions by the manufacturer must be approved by the division, and the division shall verify that the vendor premises operated by the licensed manufacturer is owned or leased by the manufacturer and is located on the licensed manufacturing premises.
- (c) The manufacturer may sell alcoholic beverages under
 its vendor's license as follows:
 - 1. Malt beverages for:
 - a. On-premises consumption;
- b. Off-premises consumption in authorized containers pursuant to s. 563.06(6); or
 - c. Off-premises consumption in growlers pursuant to s.

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105 <u>563.06(7).</u>

- 2. Any wine or liquor for on-premises or off-premises consumption as authorized under its vendor's license.
- (d) A manufacturer of malt beverages licensed pursuant to this subsection is responsible for paying applicable excise taxes to the division and submitting applicable reports pursuant to ss. 561.50 and 561.55 with respect to the amount of malt beverages manufactured and sold pursuant to its vendor's license or given to consumers.
- (e) This subsection does not preclude a licensed manufacturer of malt beverages with a vendor's license from holding a permanent public food service establishment license under chapter 509 on the licensed manufacturing premises.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage

 Law, a manufacturer holding multiple manufacturing licenses may

 transfer malt beverages to a licensed facility, as provided in

 s. 563.022(14)(d), in an amount up to the yearly production

 amount at the receiving facility.
- (g) A manufacturer or a group of manufacturers that are connected may not hold vendor's licenses under this subsection at more than a total of eight licensed manufacturing premises, and a separate vendor's license is required for each manufacturing premises. For purposes of this paragraph, a manufacturer is considered connected to another manufacturer if it directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with,

131 the other manufacturer. A manufacturer is also considered connected to another manufacturer if either manufacturer has any 132 133 direct or indirect ownership interest in the other manufacturer; 134 if another person or entity has any direct or indirect ownership 135 interest in both manufacturers; or if both manufacturers have any common officer, director, or manager, operate under the 136 137 direction of common management, or control any assets related to a business for which a malt beverage manufacturer license is 138 139 issued. However, an ownership interest of less than 10 percent 140 in a manufacturer, including the purchase of stock, does not constitute an ownership interest sufficient to create a 141 142 connection to that manufacturer under this paragraph, even if such manufacturer is also licensed as a distributor, for the 143 144 sale of alcoholic beverages on property consisting of a single 145 complex, which property shall include a brewery and such other 146 structures which promote the brewery and the tourist industry of 147 the state. However, such property may be divided by no more than 148 one public street or highway. 149 Section 3. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (1) of 150 section 561.32, Florida Statutes, to read: 561.32 Transfer of licenses; change of officers or 151 directors; transfer of interest.-152 153 Licenses issued under the provisions of the Beverage 154 Law shall not be transferable except as follows:

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manufacturers as described in s. 561.221(2)(g), which would

Before a manufacturer connects with one or more

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result in the connected manufacturers together holding a number of vendor's licenses in excess of the maximum number of licenses allowed pursuant to s. 561.221(2), the manufacturer must submit a detailed plan for divestment of the businesses for which the excess licenses have been issued and have the divestment of excess licenses completed at the time of the connection. The manufacturers may obtain a transfer of the excess licenses to the purchasers of the businesses if the application of the purchaser is approved by the division in accordance with the procedures provided in ss. 561.17, 561.18, 561.19, and 561.65. Failure to comply with this paragraph shall subject all connected manufacturers to disciplinary action.

Section 4. Subsection (14) of section 561.42, Florida Statutes, is amended 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 broker, sales agent, or sales person

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thereof; however:

- (a) If a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, provides a vendor with expendable retailer advertising specialties such as trays, coasters, mats, menu cards, napkins, cups, glasses, thermometers, and the like, such items may shall 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.
- (b) Without limitation in total dollar value of such items provided to a vendor, a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, may rent, loan without charge for an indefinite duration, or sell durable retailer advertising specialties such as clocks, pool table lights, and the like, which bear advertising matter.
- (c) If a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, provides a vendor with consumer advertising specialties such as ashtrays, T-shirts, bottle openers, shopping bags, and the like, such items may shall be sold only at a price not less than the actual cost to the industry member who initially purchased them, and but may be sold without limitation in total value of such items sold to a vendor.

(d) A manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, may provide consumer advertising specialties described in paragraph (c) to consumers on any vendor's licensed premises.

- (e) Manufacturers, distributors, importers, brand owners, or brand registrants of beer, and any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, shall not conduct any sampling activities that include tasting of their product at a vendor's premises licensed for off-premises sales only.
- <u>(e) (f)</u> A manufacturer Manufacturers, distributor

 distributors, importer importers, brand owner owners, or brand

 registrant registrants of malt beverages beer, and any broker,

 sales agent, or sales person thereof or contracted third-party,

 may shall not engage in cooperative advertising with a vendor

 and may not name a vendor in any advertising for a malt beverage

 tasting authorized under s. 563.09 vendors.
- (f)(g) A distributor Distributors of malt beverages beer may sell to a vendor vendors draft equipment and tapping accessories at a price not less than the cost to the industry member who initially purchased them, except there is no required charge, and the a distributor may exchange any parts that which are not compatible with a competitor's system and are necessary to dispense the distributor's brands. A distributor of malt beverages beer may furnish to a vendor at no charge replacement parts of nominal intrinsic value, including, but not limited to,

washers, gaskets, tail pieces, hoses, hose connections, clamps, plungers, and tap markers.

Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 561.5101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.5101 Come-to-rest requirement; exceptions; penalties.

- (1) For purposes of inspection and tax-revenue control, all malt beverages, except those manufactured and sold by the same licensee, pursuant to s. 561.221(2) or (3) 561.221(3), must come to rest at the licensed premises of an alcoholic beverage wholesaler in this state before being sold to a vendor by the wholesaler. The prohibition contained in this subsection does not apply to the shipment of malt beverages commonly known as private labels. The prohibition contained in this subsection shall not prevent a manufacturer from shipping malt beverages for storage at a bonded warehouse facility, provided that such malt beverages are distributed as provided in this subsection or to an out-of-state entity.
- Section 6. Subsections (3), (4), (5), and (6) of section 561.57, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 561.57 Deliveries by licensees.—
- (3) A licensed vendor may transport alcoholic beverage purchases from a distributor's place of business to the vendor's licensed premises or off-premises storage, if the vehicle used to transport the alcoholic beverages is owned or leased by the vendor or any person who has been disclosed on a license application filed by the vendor and approved by the division and

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a valid vehicle permit has been issued for such vehicle. A vehicle owned or leased by a person disclosed on a license application filed by the vendor and approved by the division under this subsection must be operated by such person when transporting alcoholic beverage purchases from a distributor's place of business to the vendor's licensed premises or offpremises storage.

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(4) A vehicle permit may be obtained by a licensed vendor or any person authorized in subsection (3) upon application and payment of a fee of \$5 per vehicle to the division. The signature of the person authorized in subsection (3) must be included on the vehicle permit application. Such permit remains valid and does not expire unless the vendor or any person authorized in subsection (3) disposes of his or her vehicle, or the vendor's alcoholic beverage license is transferred, canceled, not renewed, or is revoked by the division, whichever occurs first. The division shall cancel a vehicle permit issued to a vendor upon request from the vendor. The division shall cancel a vehicle permit issued to any person authorized in subsection (3) upon request from that person or the vendor. By acceptance of a vehicle permit, the vendor or any person authorized in subsection (3) agrees that such vehicle is always subject to inspection and search without a search warrant, for the purpose of ascertaining that all provisions of the alcoholic beverage laws are complied with, by authorized employees of the division and also by sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and police

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officers during business hours or other times that the vehicle is being used to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages. A vehicle permit issued under this subsection and invoices or sales tickets for alcoholic beverages purchased and transported must be carried in the vehicle used by the vendor or any person authorized in subsection (3) when the vendor's alcoholic beverages are being transported or delivered.

(4) (5) Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit deliveries by the licensee from his or her permitted storage area or deliveries by a distributor from the manufacturer to his or her licensed premises; nor shall a pool buying agent be prohibited from transporting pool purchases to the licensed premises of his or her members with the licensee's owned or leased vehicles, and in such cases, no vehicle permit shall be required in the transporting of such alcoholic beverages. In addition, a licensed salesperson of wine and spirits is authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages in his or her vehicle on behalf of the distributor without having to obtain a vehicle permit.

(6) Common carriers are not required to have vehicle permits to transport alcoholic beverages.

Section 7. Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 562.07, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

562.07 Illegal transportation of beverages.—It is unlawful for alcoholic beverages to be transported in quantities of more than 12 bottles except as follows:

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(2) In the owned or leased vehicles of licensed vendors or
any persons authorized in s. 561.57(3) transporting alcoholic
beverage purchases from the distributor's place of business to
the vendor's licensed place of business or off-premises storage
and to which said vehicles are carrying a permit and invoices or
sales tickets for alcoholic beverages purchased and transported
as provided for in the alcoholic beverage law;

(3) By individuals who possess such beverages not for resale within the state;

- (4) By licensed manufacturers, distributors, or vendors transporting delivering alcoholic beverages pursuant to s.

 561.57 away from their place of business in vehicles which are owned or leased by such licensees; and
- (5) By a vendor, distributor, pool buying agent, or salesperson of wine and spirits as outlined in s. $\underline{561.57(4)}$
- Section 8. Subsection (6) is added to section 562.34, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 562.34 Containers; seizure and forfeiture.-
- (6) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, it is not unlawful for any person to have in her or his possession, custody, or control a growler as described in s. 563.06(7), either full or empty, or to transport such growler.
- Section 9. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 563.06, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection (7) is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new subsection (7) is added to that

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section, to read:

563.06 Malt beverages; imprint on individual container; size of containers; exemptions.—

- (1) On and after October 1, 1959, All taxable malt beverages packaged in individual containers possessed by any person in the state for the purpose of sale or resale in the state, except operators of railroads, sleeping cars, steamships, buses, and airplanes engaged in interstate commerce and licensed under this section, shall have imprinted thereon in clearly legible fashion by any permanent method the word "Florida" or "FL" and no other state name or abbreviation of any state name in not less than 8-point type. The word "Florida" or "FL" shall appear first or last, if imprinted in conjunction with any manufacturer's code. A facsimile of the imprinting and its location as it will appear on the individual container shall be submitted to the division for approval.
- subsection (7), all malt beverages packaged in individual containers sold or offered for sale by vendors at retail in this state shall be in individual containers containing no more than 32 ounces of such malt beverages; provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall affect malt beverages packaged in bulk, or in kegs, or in barrels or in any individual container containing 1 gallon or more of such malt beverage regardless of individual container type.
 - (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage

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Law, a malt beverage may be packaged in a growler, which is an individual container that holds 32, 64, or 128 ounces of such malt beverage, if it is filled at the point of sale.

- (a) A growler may be filled or refilled by any of the
 following:
- 1. A licensed manufacturer of malt beverages holding a vendor's license under s. 561.221(2).
- 2. A vendor holding a quota license under s. 561.20(1) or s. 565.02(1)(a) that authorizes the sale of malt beverages.
- 3. A vendor holding a license under s. 563.02(1)(b)-(f), s. 564.02(1)(b)-(f), or s. 565.02(1)(b)-(f), unless such license restricts the sale of malt beverages to sale for consumption only on the premises of such vendor.
- (b) A growler must include an imprint or label that provides information specifying the name of the manufacturer, the brand, and the approximate percentage of alcohol by volume of the malt beverage. The container must have an unbroken seal or be incapable of being immediately consumed.
- (c) A licensee authorized to fill or refill growlers may not use growlers for the purposes of distribution or sale outside of the licensed manufacturing premises or licensed vendor premises.
- (d) A person, firm, or corporation, including its agents, officers, or employees, that violates subsection (7) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.

 775.082 or s. 775.083, and the license held by the person, firm,

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391	or corporation, if any, is subject to revocation or suspension
392	by the division. A person, firm, or corporation, including its
393	agents, officers, or employees, that violates paragraph (b) is
394	subject to a fine by the division of up to \$250.
395	Section 10. Section 563.09, Florida Statutes, is created
396	to read:
397	563.09 Malt beverage tastings by distributors and
398	manufacturers.—
399	(1) A manufacturer, distributor, or importer of malt
100	beverages, or any contracted third-party agent thereof, may
101	conduct sampling activities that include the tasting of malt
102	beverage products on:
103	(a) The licensed premises of a vendor authorized to sell
104	alcoholic beverages by the drink for consumption on premises; or
105	(b) The licensed premises of a vendor authorized to sell
106	alcoholic beverages only in sealed containers for consumption
107	off premises if:
108	1. The licensed premises is at an establishment with at
109	least 10,000 square feet of interior floor space exclusive of
110	storage space not open to the general public; or
111	2. The licensed premises is a package store licensed under
112	s. 565.02(1)(a).
113	(2) A malt beverage tasting conducted under this section
114	must be limited to and directed toward the general public of the
115	age of legal consumption.

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For a malt beverage tasting conducted under this

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section on the licensed premises of a vendor authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises, each serving of a malt beverage to be tasted must be provided to the consumer by the drink in a tasting cup, glass, or other open container and may not be provided by the package in an unopened can or bottle or in any other sealed container.

- (4) For a malt beverage tasting conducted under this section on the licensed premises of a vendor authorized to sell alcoholic beverages only in sealed containers for consumption off premises, the tasting must be conducted in the interior of the building constituting the vendor's licensed premises and each serving of a malt beverage to be tasted must be provided to the consumer in a tasting cup having a capacity of 3.5 ounces or less.
- (5) A manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or any contracted third-party agent thereof, may not pay a vendor, and a vendor may not accept, a fee or compensation of any kind, including the provision of a malt beverage at no cost or at a reduced cost, to authorize the conduct of a malt beverage tasting under this section.
- (6) (a) A manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or any contracted third-party agent thereof, conducting a malt beverage tasting under this section must provide all of the beverages to be tasted, must have paid all excise taxes on those beverages which are required of the manufacturer or distributor, and must return to the manufacturer's or distributor's inventory all of

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the malt beverages provided for the tasting that remain unconsumed after the tasting. More than one tasting may be held on the licensed premises each day, but only one manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or contracted third-party agent thereof, may conduct a tasting on the premises at any one time.

to read:

- (b) This subsection does not preclude a manufacturer, distributor, or importer, or any contracted third-party agent thereof, from buying the malt beverages that it provides for the tasting from a vendor at no more than the retail price, but all of the malt beverages so purchased and provided for the tasting which remain unconsumed after the tasting must be removed from the premises of the tasting and properly disposed of.
- (7) A manufacturer, distributor, or importer of malt beverages that contracts with a third-party agent to conduct a malt beverage tasting under this section on its behalf is responsible for any violation of this section by such agent.
- (8) This section does not preclude a vendor from conducting a malt beverage tasting on its licensed premises using malt beverages from its own inventory.
- (9) This section is supplemental to and does not supersede any special act or ordinance.
- (10) The division may, pursuant to ss. 561.08 and 561.11, adopt rules to implement, administer, and enforce this section.

 Section 11. Section 563.10, Florida Statutes, is created
- 468 563.10 Craft brewery signage.—Upon the request of a craft

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brewery licensed in this state, the Department of Transportation shall install directional signs for the craft brewery on the rights-of-way of interstate highways and primary and secondary roads in accordance with Florida's Highway Guide Sign Program as provided in chapter 14-51, Florida Administrative Code. A craft brewery licensed in this state that requests placement of a directional sign through the department's permit process shall pay all associated costs.

Section 12. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of section 565.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively, a new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, paragraph (c) of subsection (2) is amended, and subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

565.03 License fees; manufacturers, distributors, brokers, sales agents, and importers of alcoholic beverages; vendor licenses and fees; craft distilleries.—

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Branded product" means any distilled spirits product
 manufactured on site which requires a federal certificate and
 label approval pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration
 Act or federal regulations.

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(c) A craft distillery licensed under this section may sell to consumers, at its souvenir gift shop, <u>branded products</u> spirits distilled on its premises in this state in factory-sealed containers that are filled at the distillery for off-

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premises consumption. Such sales are authorized only on private property contiguous to the licensed distillery premises in this state and included on the sketch or diagram defining the licensed premises submitted with the distillery's license application. All sketch or diagram revisions by the distillery shall require the division's approval verifying that the souvenir gift shop location operated by the licensed distillery is owned or leased by the distillery and on property contiguous to the distillery's production building in this state.

- 1. A craft distillery or licensed distillery may not sell any factory-sealed individual containers of spirits except in face-to-face sales transactions with consumers who are making a purchase, per calendar year, of no more than:
 - a. Two individual containers of each branded product;
- b. Three individual containers of a single branded product and one individual container of a second branded product; or
 - c. Four individual containers of a single branded product.
 - 2. Each container must:

- a. Be sold in a face-to-face transaction with the consumer at the distillery's licensed premises in this state.
 - b. Comply with the container limits in s. 565.10.
- c. Be purchased for the consumer's personal use and not for resale two or fewer individual containers, that comply with the container limits in s. 565.10, per calendar year for the consumer's personal use and not for resale and who are present at the distillery's licensed premises in this state.

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3.1. A craft distillery must report to the division within 5 days after it reaches the production limitations provided in paragraph (1) (b) (1) (a). Any retail sales to consumers at the craft distillery's licensed premises are prohibited beginning the day after it reaches the production limitation.

- 4.2. A craft distillery may not only ship or, arrange to ship, or deliver any of its distilled spirits to consumers and may sell and deliver its distilled spirits only to consumers within the state in a face-to-face transaction at the distillery property. However, a craft distiller licensed under this section may ship, arrange to ship, or deliver such spirits to manufacturers of distilled spirits, wholesale distributors of distilled spirits, state or federal bonded warehouses, and exporters.
- 5.3. Except as provided in subparagraph 6.4., it is unlawful to transfer a distillery license for a distillery that produces 75,000 or fewer gallons per calendar year of distilled spirits on its premises or any ownership interest in such license to an individual or entity that has a direct or indirect ownership interest in any distillery licensed in this state; another state, territory, or country; or by the United States government to manufacture, blend, or rectify distilled spirits for beverage purposes.
- <u>6.4.</u> A craft distillery shall not have its ownership affiliated with another distillery, unless such distillery produces 75,000 or fewer gallons per calendar year of distilled

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spirits on <u>each of</u> its premises <u>in this state or in another</u> state, territory, or country.

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(7) Upon the request of a craft distillery licensed in this state, the Department of Transportation shall install directional signs for the craft distillery on the rights-of-way of interstate highways and primary and secondary roads in accordance with Florida's Highway Guide Sign Program as provided in chapter 14-51, Florida Administrative Code. A craft distillery licensed in this state that requests placement of a directional sign through the department's permit process shall pay all associated costs.

Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.