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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, D'URSO, ARROYO -- Multi-Sponsored by --
M. of A. WALSH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic
Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted
as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to
establishing a primary American source of supply for liquor and wine
sold in this state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 35 of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage
control law is amended, and two new subdivisions 23-a and 23-b are added
to read as follows:

23-a. "Primary American source of supply" means (a) a manufacturer of
liquor or wine or its exclusive agent in the United States if such
liquor or wine can be secured directly from the manufacturer or its
exclusive agent by a wholesaler in the United States; or (b) if the
liquor or wine cannot be secured directly from such manufacturer or its
exclusive agent, the source closest to such manufacturer in the United
States when the brand enters the stream of commerce shall be the primary
American source of supply in the United States.

23-b. "Private collection" means (a) bottled wine that (i) was
purchased at retail or auction, (ii) is at minimum a vintage ten years
old at the time of sale, or (iii) is not price posted in New York at the
time of sale; or (b) a bottled liquor that is either (i) not price post-
ed in New York at the time of sale, (ii) is no longer in production, or
(iii) is contained in its original ceramic, lead, crystal or similar
collectible specialty container which is no longer being offered for
sale.

35. "Wholesaler" means any person who sells at wholesale any beverage
for the sale of which a license is required under the provisions of this
chapter. An "authorized wholesaler" is a wholesaler authorized by a

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 primary American source of supply to carry a specific brand of liquor or
2 wine in this state.

3 § 2. The alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new
4 section 116-a to read as follows:

5 § 116-a. Primary American source of supply. 1. The primary American
6 source of supply at the time the wine or liquor becomes suitable for
7 wholesale or retail sale in New York or a wholesaler licensed under this
8 chapter who has been appointed its exclusive agent for such purpose,
9 shall file a registration application with the authority on forms
10 provided by the authority. Each brand of such liquor or wine shall be
11 individually listed on such registration.

12 2. The authority shall allow only one primary American source of
13 supply to register any brand of liquor or wine. The primary American
14 source of supply may change the exclusive agent acting and cancel any
15 authority granted to a prior agent by filing a new authorization with
16 the authority not less than forty days before the new authorization
17 becomes effective.

18 3. A primary American source of supply or its exclusive agent shall
19 file with the authority the names of each authorized wholesaler permit-
20 ted to sell each brand of liquor or wine sold in this state. If the
21 primary American source of supply is a wholesaler, it may list itself
22 and other wholesalers as a wholesaler authorized to sell the brand. The
23 filing of a wholesale price posting, in accordance with section one
24 hundred one-b of this article, listing the names of the authorized
25 wholesalers shall be deemed compliance with this requirement. The
26 authorized wholesalers may be changed at any time at or prior to the
27 time a wholesale price posting is to be filed pursuant to such section.
28 If the primary American source of supply does not list any authorized
29 wholesalers, any licensed wholesaler may purchase the liquor or wine
30 from the primary American source of supply and sell the brand in this
31 state.

32 4. Except as set forth in subdivisions seven and eight of this section
33 or shipments of wine or liquor from a private collection made directly
34 to a resident of New York, no one shall ship or cause to be shipped into
35 this state, nor shall any wholesaler or retailer in this state receive,
36 any liquor or wine unless the primary American source of supply for such
37 liquor or wine (i) has registered such brand with the authority, (ii)
38 such registration has been approved by the authority, and (iii) the
39 brand is purchased from the primary American source of supply or an
40 authorized wholesaler.

41 5. Except as set forth in subdivisions seven and eight of this
42 section, a wholesaler in this state shall not purchase, receive or be in
43 possession of any liquor or wine unless the wholesaler obtained the
44 liquor or wine directly from (i) a registered primary American source of
45 supply, (ii) a designated representative of the primary American source
46 of supply if the primary American source of supply is outside this
47 state, or (iii) an authorized wholesaler.

48 6. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit subsequent
49 intrastate sales, transfer, and invoicing of a brand of liquor or wine
50 between authorized wholesalers of that brand subsequent to the purchase
51 in this state from the primary American source of supply.

52 7. The authority shall allow a wholesaler to bring liquor or wine into
53 this state if the wholesaler certifies to the satisfaction of the
54 authority that the brand of liquor or wine comes from a manufacturer or
55 bottler that cannot, or has not and will not appoint a primary American
56 source of supply.

1 8. This section shall not apply to (i) a brand of liquor or wine owned
2 exclusively by one retailer and sold at retail within this state exclu-
3 sively by such retailer; or (ii) a product purchased by a wholesaler or
4 retailer from a private collection in accordance with sections eighty-
5 five and ninety-nine-g of this chapter consistent with the rules, regu-
6 lations, orders and advisories established by the authority.

7 9. The authority is authorized to perform such acts, prescribe forms,
8 and make rules, regulations, orders and advisories as it may deem neces-
9 sary or proper to fully effectuate the provisions of this section
10 including, but not limited to, establishing a format for recording the
11 primary American source of supply and its designees.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
13 have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the
14 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary
15 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized
16 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.