

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 10, 2018

Introduced by Sen. BONACIC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to class A-1 distiller's licenses

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1-a of section 61 of the alcoholic beverage
2 control law, as amended by chapter 431 of the laws of 2014, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 1-a. (a) A class A-1 distiller's license shall authorize the holder
5 thereof to operate a distillery which has a production capacity of no
6 more than seventy-five thousand gallons per year for the manufacture of
7 liquors by distillation or redistillation at the premises specifically
8 designated in the license. Such a license shall also authorize the sale
9 in bulk by such licensee from the licensed premises of the products
10 manufactured under such license to any person holding a winery license,
11 farm winery license, distiller's class A license, a distiller's class B
12 license or a permittee engaged in the manufacture of products which are
13 unfit for beverage use. It shall also authorize the sale from the
14 licensed premises and from one other location in the state of New York
15 of liquors manufactured by such licensee to a wholesale or retail liquor
16 licensee or permittee in sealed containers of not more than one quart
17 each and to sell at retail, for personal use, in such sealed containers.

18 In addition, it shall authorize such licensee to sell from the licensed
19 premises New York state labelled liquors to licensed farm wineries, farm
20 breweries, farm distilleries and farm cideries in sealed containers of
21 not more than one quart for retail sale for off-premises consumption.
22 Such license shall also include the privilege to operate a rectifying
23 plant under the same terms and conditions as the holder of a class B-1
24 distiller's license without the payment of any additional fee.

25 (b) A licensed A-1 distillery may conduct upon the licensed premises,
26 or at approved locations as permitted in subdivision six of this
27 section, consumer tastings of liquor manufactured by the licensee and

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

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1 from no more than three other class A, A-1, B, B-1, C or D distilleries,
2 subject to the following limitations:

3 (i) Only liquor produced on site or manufactured primarily from farm
4 and food products, as defined in subdivision two of section two hundred
5 eighty-two of the agriculture and markets law, shall be used in the
6 tastings;

7 (ii) An official agent, servant or employee of the licensee shall be
8 physically present at all times during the conduct of the consumer tast-
9 ing of liquor;

10 (iii) No consumer may be provided, directly or indirectly: (A) more
11 than three samples of liquor for tasting in one calendar day; or (B)
12 with a sample of liquor for tasting equal to more than one-quarter fluid
13 ounce;

14 (iv) Any liability stemming from a right of action resulting from a
15 consumer tasting of liquor authorized by this paragraph and in accord-
16 ance with the provisions of sections 11-100 and 11-101 of the general
17 obligations law shall accrue to the licensee.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.