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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- 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 promoting economic development by expanding products sold by farm cideries and authorizing such cideries to sell cider to other licensees for resale; and to amend the general municipal law, in relation to authorizing the sale of cider and wine at games of chance

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3-a of section 58 of the alcoholic beverage
2 control law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, paragraph (b)
3 as amended by chapter 171 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as
4 follows:
5 3-a. A licensed cider producer producing New York state labelled cider
6 may:
7 (a) sell such cider or any New York state labeled cider to licensed
8 farm distillers, farm wineries, wineries, farm cideries [~~and~~], cideries
9 and farm breweries. All such cider sold by the licensee shall be
10 securely sealed and have attached thereto a label as shall be required
11 by section one hundred seven-a of this chapter;
12 (b) conduct tastings at the licensed premises of such cider or any
13 other New York state labeled cider;
14 (c) sell such cider or any New York state labeled cider at retail for
15 consumption off the premises at the state fair, at recognized county
16 fairs and at farmers markets operated on a not-for-profit basis;
17 (d) sell and conduct tastings of such cider or any New York state
18 labeled cider at retail for consumption on the premises of a restaurant,
19 conference center, inn, bed and breakfast or hotel business owned and
20 operated by the licensee in or adjacent to its farm cidery. A licensee
21 who operates a restaurant, conference center, inn, bed and breakfast or

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

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1 hotel pursuant to such authority shall comply with all applicable
2 provisions of this chapter which relate to licenses to sell cider at
3 retail for consumption on the premises;

4 (e) apply for a permit to conduct tastings away from the licensed
5 premises of such cider or any New York state labeled cider. Such permit
6 shall be valid throughout the state and may be issued on an annual basis
7 or for individual events. Each such permit and the exercise of the priv-
8 ilege granted thereby shall be subject to such rules and conditions of
9 the authority as it deems necessary. Tastings shall be conducted subject
10 to the following conditions:

11 (i) tastings shall be conducted by an official agent, representative
12 or solicitor of the licensee. Such agent, representative or solicitor
13 shall be physically present at all times during the conduct of the tast-
14 ings; and

15 (ii) any liability stemming from a right of action resulting from a
16 tasting of cider as authorized [herein] in this paragraph and in accord-
17 ance with the provisions of sections 11-100 and 11-101 of the general
18 obligations law, shall accrue to the licensee.

19 (f) if it holds a tasting permit issued pursuant to paragraph (e) of
20 this subdivision, apply to the authority for a permit to sell such cider
21 or any New York state labeled cider, for consumption off the premises,
22 during such tastings in premises licensed under sections sixty-four,
23 sixty-four-a, eighty-one and eighty-one-a of this chapter. Each such
24 permit and the exercise of the privilege granted thereby shall be
25 subject to such rules and conditions of the authority as it deems neces-
26 sary.

27 § 2. Paragraphs (c) and (g) of subdivision 2 of section 58-c of the
28 alcoholic beverage control law, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 171
29 of the laws of 2017 and paragraph (g) as added by chapter 384 of the
30 laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

31 (c) sell cider manufactured by the licensee or any New York state
32 labeled cider to wholesalers and retailers licensed in this state to
33 sell such cider, to licensed farm distillers, licensed farm wineries,
34 licensed wineries, licensed farm breweries, and any other licensed farm
35 cidery or licensed cidery. All such cider sold by the licensee shall be
36 securely sealed and have attached thereto a label as shall be required
37 by section one hundred seven-a of this chapter;

38 (g) sell cider manufactured by the licensee or any other licensed farm
39 cidery, or any New York state labeled cider at retail for consumption
40 off the premises, at the state fair, at recognized county fairs and at
41 farmers markets operated on a not-for-profit basis;

42 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 58-c of the alcoholic beverage control
43 law, as added by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
44 follows:

45 5. A licensed farm cidery may, under such rules as may be adopted by
46 the authority, sell cider manufactured by the licensee or any other
47 licensed farm cidery, or any New York state labeled cider at retail in
48 bulk by the keg, cask or barrel for consumption and not for resale at a
49 clam-bake, barbeque, picnic, outing or other similar outdoor gathering
50 at which more than fifty persons are assembled.

51 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 76 of the alcoholic beverage control law
52 is amended by adding a new paragraph (d-1) to read as follows:

53 (d-1) to sell from the licensed premises to licensed farm distillers,
54 farm wineries, wineries, farm cideries, cideries and farm brewers any
55 New York state labeled cider. All such cider shall be securely sealed

1 and have attached thereto a label as shall be required by section one
2 hundred seven-a of this chapter;

3 § 5. Subdivisions 3 and 5 of section 76 of the alcoholic beverage
4 control law, as amended by chapter 221 of the laws of 2011, are amended
5 to read as follows:

6 3. (a) Any person having applied for and received a license as a
7 winery under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New
8 York state labelled wines or ciders in establishments licensed under
9 sections sixty-three and seventy-nine of this chapter to sell wine for
10 off-premises consumption. Such winery may charge a fee for each wine or
11 cider sample tasted. The state liquor authority shall promulgate rules
12 and regulations regarding such tastings as provided for in this subdivi-
13 sion.

14 (a-1) Any person having applied for and received a license as a winery
15 under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New York state
16 labelled wines or ciders and apply to the liquor authority for a permit
17 to sell wine produced by such winery or any New York state labeled cider
18 by the bottle, during such tastings in establishments licensed under
19 section sixty-four, section sixty-four-a, section eighty-one or section
20 eighty-one-a of this chapter to sell wine for consumption on the prem-
21 ises. Such winery may charge a fee of no more than twenty-five cents for
22 each wine or cider sample tasted. The state liquor authority shall
23 promulgate rules and regulations regarding such tastings as provided for
24 in this subdivision.

25 (b) Tastings shall be conducted subject to the following limitations:

26 (i) wine and cider tastings shall be conducted by an official agent,
27 representative or solicitor of one or more wineries. Such agent, repre-
28 sentative or solicitor shall be physically present at all times during
29 the conduct of the tastings; and

30 (ii) any liability stemming from a right of action resulting from a
31 wine or cider tasting as authorized herein and in accordance with the
32 provisions of sections 11-100 and 11-101 of the general obligations law,
33 shall accrue to the winery licensee.

34 (c)(i) Any person having applied for and received a license as a
35 winery under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New
36 York state labelled wines or ciders and sell such wine or cider by the
37 bottle, during such tasting, for off-premises consumption at outdoor or
38 indoor gatherings, functions, occasions or events, within the hours
39 fixed by or pursuant to subdivision fourteen of section one hundred five
40 of this chapter, sponsored by a bona fide charitable organization. For
41 the purposes of this paragraph, a bona fide charitable organization
42 shall mean and include any bona fide religious or charitable organiza-
43 tion or bona fide educational, fraternal or service organization or bona
44 fide organization of veterans or volunteer firefighters, which by its
45 charter, certificate of incorporation, constitution, or act of the
46 legislature, shall have among its dominant purposes one or more of the
47 lawful purposes as defined in subdivision five of section one hundred
48 eighty-six of the general municipal law.

49 (ii) Upon application, the liquor authority shall issue an annual
50 permit authorizing such winery to participate in outdoor or indoor gath-
51 erings, functions, occasions or events sponsored by a charitable organ-
52 ization. The winery must give the authority written or electronic
53 notice of the date, time and specific location of each tasting at least
54 fifteen days prior to the tasting. A winery that obtains a permit to
55 conduct such wine or cider tastings does not need to apply for or obtain
56 a temporary beer or wine permit pursuant to section ninety-seven of this

1 chapter or any other permit to conduct such a tasting or to sell wine or
2 cider by the bottle for off-premises consumption at such tastings.

3 (iii) Such winery may charge a fee for each wine or cider sample tast-
4 ed. Tastings shall be conducted by an official agent, representative or
5 solicitor of such winery. The state liquor authority may promulgate
6 rules and regulations regarding such tastings as provided for in this
7 subdivision.

8 5. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, any
9 one or more winery licensees, singly or jointly, may apply to the liquor
10 authority for a license or licenses to sell wine and any New York state
11 labeled cider at retail for consumption off the premises. For licensees
12 applying singly, the duration of such license shall be coextensive with
13 the duration of such licensee's winery license, and the fee therefor
14 shall be five hundred dollars if such retail premises is located in
15 cities having a population of one million or more; in cities having less
16 than one million population and more than one hundred thousand, two
17 hundred fifty dollars; and elsewhere, the sum of one hundred twenty-five
18 dollars. Such license shall entitle the holder thereof to sell at retail
19 for consumption off the premises any New York state labelled wine or
20 cider. Such license shall also entitle the holder thereof to conduct
21 wine and cider tastings. Such license shall also authorize the sale by
22 the holder thereof of New York state labelled wine or cider, in sealed
23 containers for off-premises consumption, from the specially licensed
24 premises of any person licensed pursuant to section eighty-one-a of this
25 article to sell wine at retail for consumption on premises in which the
26 principal business is the operation of a legitimate theater or such
27 other lawful adult entertainment or recreational facility as the liquor
28 authority may classify for eligibility pursuant to subdivision six of
29 section sixty-four-a of this chapter. Not more than five such licenses
30 shall be issued, either singly or jointly, to any licensed winery. All
31 other provisions of this chapter relative to licenses to sell wine at
32 retail for consumption off the premises shall apply so far as applicable
33 to such application. The liquor authority is hereby authorized to adopt
34 such rules as it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of this
35 subdivision, provided that all licenses issued pursuant to this subdivi-
36 sion shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as are applica-
37 ble to the sale of wine at retail for consumption off the premises of
38 the winery licensee.

39 § 6. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subdivision 2 and subdivision 3 of
40 section 76-a of the alcoholic beverage control law, paragraph (b) of
41 subdivision 2 and subdivision 3 as added by chapter 221 of the laws of
42 2011 and paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 522 of the
43 laws of 2018, are amended to read as follows:

44 (b) sell in bulk from the licensed premises the products manufactured
45 under such license or any New York state labeled cider to any winery
46 licensee, any other farm winery licensee, any distiller licensee or to a
47 permittee engaged in the manufacture of products which are unfit for
48 beverage use and to sell or deliver such wine or cider to persons
49 outside the state pursuant to the laws of the place of such sale or
50 delivery;

51 (c) sell from the licensed premises to a licensed winery, farm distil-
52 ler, farm brewery, farm cidery, farm meadery, wholesaler or retailer, or
53 to a corporation operating railroad cars or aircraft for consumption on
54 such carriers, or at retail for consumption off the premises, wine,
55 cider, or mead manufactured by the licensee or any New York state
56 labeled cider as above set forth and to sell or deliver such wine or

1 cider to persons outside the state pursuant to the laws of the place of
2 such sale or delivery. All wine, cider, or mead sold by such licensee
3 for consumption off the premises shall be securely sealed and have
4 attached thereto a label setting forth such information as shall be
5 required by this chapter;

6 3. (a) Any person having applied for and received a license as a farm
7 winery under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New
8 York state labelled wines and ciders in establishments licensed under
9 section sixty-three of this chapter and section seventy-nine of this
10 article to sell wine or any New York state labeled cider for off-premis-
11 es consumption. Such farm winery may charge a fee for each wine or cider
12 sample tasted. The state liquor authority shall promulgate rules and
13 regulations regarding such tastings as provided for in this subdivision.

14 (b) Any person having applied for and received a license as a farm
15 winery under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New
16 York state labelled wines and ciders and apply to the liquor authority
17 for a permit to sell wine produced by such farm winery or any New York
18 state labeled cider, by the bottle, during such tastings in establish-
19 ments licensed under sections sixty-four and sixty-four-a of this chap-
20 ter and section eighty-one or section eighty-one-a of this article to
21 sell wine for consumption on the premises. Such farm winery may charge a
22 fee of no more than twenty-five cents for each wine or cider sample
23 tasted. The state liquor authority shall promulgate rules and regu-
24 lations regarding such tastings as provided for in this subdivision.

25 (c) Tastings shall be conducted subject to the following limitations:

26 (i) wine or cider tastings shall be conducted by an official agent,
27 representative or solicitor of one or more farm wineries. Such agent,
28 representative or solicitor shall be physically present at all times
29 during the conduct of the tastings; and

30 (ii) any liability stemming from a right of action resulting from a
31 wine tasting as authorized herein and in accordance with the provisions
32 of sections 11-100 and 11-101 of the general obligations law, shall
33 accrue to the farm winery.

34 (d) (i) Any person having applied for and received a license as a farm
35 winery under this section may conduct wine and cider tastings of New
36 York state labelled wines and ciders and sell such wine or cider by the
37 bottle, during such tasting, for off-premises consumption at outdoor or
38 indoor gatherings, functions, occasions or events, within the hours
39 fixed by or pursuant to subdivision fourteen of section one hundred five
40 of this chapter, sponsored by a bona fide charitable organization. For
41 the purposes of this paragraph, a bona fide charitable organization
42 shall mean and include any bona fide religious or charitable organiza-
43 tion or bona fide educational, fraternal or service organization or bona
44 fide organization of veterans or volunteer firefighters, which by its
45 charter, certificate of incorporation, constitution, or act of the
46 legislature, shall have among its dominant purposes one or more of the
47 lawful purposes as defined in subdivision five of section one hundred
48 eighty-six of the general municipal law.

49 (ii) Upon application, the liquor authority shall issue an annual
50 permit authorizing such farm winery to participate in such outdoor or
51 indoor gatherings, functions, occasions or events sponsored by a chari-
52 table organization. The farm winery must give the authority written or
53 electronic notice of the date, time and specific location of each tast-
54 ing at least fifteen days prior to the tasting. A farm winery that
55 obtains a permit to conduct such wine or cider tastings does not need to
56 apply for or obtain a temporary beer or wine permit pursuant to section

1 ninety-seven of this chapter or any other permit to conduct such a tast-
2 ing or to sell wine or cider by the bottle for off-premises consumption
3 at such tastings.

4 (iii) Such farm winery may charge a fee for each wine or cider sample
5 tasted. Tastings shall be conducted by an official agent, represen-
6 tative or solicitor of such farm winery. The state liquor authority may
7 adopt rules and regulations regarding such tastings as provided in this
8 subdivision.

9 § 6-a. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 76-a of the alcoholic
10 beverage control law, as amended by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (c) sell from the licensed premises to a licensed winery, farm distil-
13 ler, farm brewery, farm cidery, wholesaler or retailer, or to a corpo-
14 ration operating railroad cars or aircraft for consumption on such
15 carriers, or at retail for consumption off the premises, wine or cider
16 manufactured by the licensee or any New York state labeled cider as
17 above set forth and to sell or deliver such wine or cider to persons
18 outside the state pursuant to the laws of the place of such sale or
19 delivery. All wine or cider sold by such licensee for consumption off
20 the premises shall be securely sealed and have attached thereto a label
21 setting forth such information as shall be required by this chapter;

22 § 7. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 7-b of section 3 of the alcoholic
23 beverage control law, as amended by chapter 384 of the laws of 2013, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (a) "Cider" means the partially or fully fermented juice of fresh,
26 whole apples or other pome fruits, containing more than three and two-
27 tenths per centum but not more than eight and one-half per centum alco-
28 hol by volume: (i) to which nothing has been added to increase the alco-
29 holic content produced by natural fermentation; and (ii) with the usual
30 cellar treatments and necessary additions to correct defects due to
31 climate, [~~saccharine~~] sugar levels and seasonal conditions. Nothing
32 contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to preclude the use of
33 such methods or materials as may be necessary to encourage a normal
34 alcoholic fermentation and to make a product that is free of microbi-
35 ological activity at the time of sale. Cider may be sweetened or
36 flavored after fermentation with fruit juice, fruit juice concentrate,
37 sugar, maple syrup, honey, spices or other agricultural products, sepa-
38 rately or in combination. Cider may contain retained or added carbon
39 dioxide.

40 § 8. Subdivision 3 of section 194 of the general municipal law, as
41 amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as
42 follows:

43 3. [~~Service of alcoholic beverages.~~] Subject to the applicable
44 provisions of the alcoholic beverage control law, beer, cider and wine
45 may be offered for sale during the conduct of games of chance on games
46 of chance premises as such premises are defined in subdivision nineteen
47 of section one hundred eighty-six of this article; provided, however,
48 that nothing herein shall be construed to limit the offering for sale of
49 any other alcoholic beverage in areas other than the games of chance
50 premises or the sale of any other alcoholic beverage in premises where
51 only the games of chance known as bell jar or raffles are conducted.

52 § 9. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
53 it shall have become a law; provided that:

54 1. the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 76-a of
55 the alcoholic beverage control law made by section six-a of this act
56 shall take effect only if the amendments to such paragraph made by

1 section 21 of chapter 522 of the laws of 2018 have not taken effect on
2 or before the effective date of this act;

3 2. if the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 76-a
4 of the alcoholic beverage control law made by section 21 of chapter 522
5 of the laws of 2018 have not taken effect on or before the effective
6 date of this act, then the amendments to paragraph (c) of subdivision 2
7 of section 76-a of the alcoholic beverage control law made by section
8 six of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
9 manner that such chapter takes effect.

10 3. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any
11 rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its
12 effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on
13 or before such effective date.