

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to the sale of tonic water, bitters and maraschino cherries at liquor stores

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 104 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 2 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a) No wholesaler shall be engaged in any other business on the premises to be licensed; except that nothing contained in this chapter shall: (1) prohibit a beer wholesaler from (i) acquiring, storing or selling non-alcoholic snack foods, as defined in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, (ii) manufacturing, bottling, storing, or selling non-alcoholic carbonated beverages, (iii) manufacturing, storing or selling non-alcoholic non-carbonated soft drinks, mineral waters, spring waters, drinking water, non-taxable malt or cereal beverages, juice drinks, fruit or vegetable juices, ice, liquid beverage mixes and dry or frozen beverage mixes, (iv) acquiring, storing or selling wine products, (v) the sale of promotional items on such premises, or (vi) the sale of tobacco products at retail by wholesalers who are licensed to sell beer and other products at retail; (2) prohibit a wholesaler authorized to sell wine from manufacturing, acquiring or selling wine merchandise, as defined in paragraph (d) of this subdivision; (3) prohibit a licensed winery or licensed farm winery from engaging in the business of a wine wholesaler for New York state labeled wines produced by any licensed winery or licensed farm winery or prohibit such wine wholesaler from exercising any of its rights pursuant to sections seventy-six and seventy-six-a of this chapter provided that the operation of such beer and wine wholesalers business shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the liquor authority may prescribe; (4) prohibit a beer wholesaler who is authorized to sell beer at retail from selling at retail: (i) candy, chewing gum and cough drops; (ii) non-refrigerated salsa; (iii) cigarette lighters, lighter fluid, matches and ashtrays; (iv) barbecue and picnic-related products and supplies, which shall include, but not be limited to, charcoal, grills, propane gas, plastic and paper cups,

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

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1 paper or plastic tablecloths and coolers; (v) beer making and brewing
2 supplies and publications, which shall include, but not be limited to,
3 books, magazines, equipment and ingredients; (vi) steins, mugs and other
4 glassware appropriate for the consumption of beer, malt beverages and
5 wine products; (vii) items typically used to serve beer and malt beverages
6 including, but not limited to, taps, kegerators, koozies and beer
7 socks; (viii) lemons, limes and oranges, provided that no more than two
8 dozen of each shall be displayed at any one time; (ix) rock salt, ice
9 and snow melting compounds, snow shovels; windshield washer solvent;
10 firewood; beach umbrellas; sunglasses and sun block; and (x) prepaid
11 telephone cards; ~~[ex]~~ (5) prohibit the installation and operation of a
12 single automated teller machine in the premises of a beer wholesaler who
13 is authorized to sell beer at retail; or (6) prohibit a liquor wholesaler from transporting or selling tonic water, bitters and maraschino
14 cherries. For the purposes of this subdivision, "automated teller
15 machine" means a device which is linked to the accounts and records of a
16 banking institution and which enables consumers to carry out banking
17 transactions, including but not limited to, account transfers, deposits,
18 cash withdrawals, balance inquiries and loan payments.

20 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 63 of the alcoholic beverage control
21 law, as amended by section 3 of part H of chapter 58 of the laws of
22 2019, is amended to read as follows:

23 4. No licensee under this section shall be engaged in any other business
24 on the licensed premises. The sale of any of the following shall
25 not constitute engaging in another business within the meaning of this
26 subdivision:

27 (a) lottery tickets, when duly authorized and lawfully conducted~~[, the~~
28 ~~sale of];~~

29 (b) reusable bags as defined in section 27-2801 of the environmental
30 conservation law~~[, the sale of];~~

31 (c) corkscrews ~~[or the sale of];~~

32 (d) ice ~~[or the sale of];~~

33 (e) publications, including prerecorded video and/or audio cassette
34 tapes, or educational seminars, designed to help educate consumers in
35 their knowledge and appreciation of alcoholic beverages, as defined in
36 section three of this chapter and allowed pursuant to their license~~[, or~~
37 ~~the sale of non-carbonated,];~~

38 (f) non-flavored mineral waters, spring waters and drinking waters ~~[or~~
39 ~~the sale of];~~

40 (g) glasses designed for the consumption of wine, racks designed for
41 the storage of wine, and devices designed to minimize oxidation in
42 bottles of wine which have been uncorked~~[, or the sale of];~~

43 (h) gift bags, gift boxes, or wrapping, for alcoholic beverages
44 purchased at the licensed premises ~~[shall not constitute engaging in~~
45 ~~another business within the meaning of this subdivision];~~

46 (i) tonic water;

47 (j) bitters; and

48 (k) maraschino cherries.

49 Any fee obtained from the sale of an educational seminar shall not be
50 considered as a fee for any tasting that may be offered during an educational
51 seminar, provided that such tastings are available to persons who
52 have not paid to attend the seminar and all tastings are conducted in
53 accordance with section sixty-three-a of this article.

54 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
55 have become a law.