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Introduced by Sen. MAYER -- 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 providing for certain limited direct interstate shipments of wine for off-premises consumption

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 79-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 184 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

Direct interstate wine shipments **by licensees to manufacturing wine**.

§ 2. Section 79-d of the alcoholic beverage control law is renumbered section 79-e and a new section 79-d is added to read as follows:

§ 79-d. Direct interstate wine shipments by retail licensees to sell wine for off-premises consumption. 1. Authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any holder of a license to sell wine for off-premises consumption in any other state who obtains an out-of-state direct shipper's license, as provided in this section, may ship no more than thirty-six cases (no more than nine liters each case) of wine per year directly to a resident of New York who is at least twenty-one years of age, for such resident's personal use and not for resale. No person shall place an order for shipment of wine unless they are twenty-one years of age or older. Any common carrier with a permit issued pursuant to this chapter to whom such out-of-state shipper's license is presented is authorized to make delivery of shipments provided for hereunder in this state in compliance with this section.

2. License. Before sending any shipment hereunder to a resident in this state, the out-of-state shipper shall first obtain a license from the authority under procedures prescribed by rules and regulations of

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

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the authority and after providing the authority with a true copy of its current license to sell wine for off-premises consumption in the applicant's state of domicile after payment of an annual fee of one hundred twenty-five dollars.

3. Licensee's responsibilities. The holder of an out-of-state direct shipper's license shall:

(a) ship no more than thirty-six cases (no more than nine liters each case) per year of wine to a New York state resident who is at least twenty-one years of age, for such resident's personal use and not for resale;

(b) ensure that the outside of each shipping container used to ship wine directly to a New York resident is conspicuously labeled with the words: "CONTAINS WINE - SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY - NOT FOR RESALE", or with other language specifically approved by the New York state liquor authority;

(c) maintain records in such manner and form as the authority may direct, showing the total amount of wine shipped into the state each calendar year; the names and addresses of the purchasers to whom the wine was shipped, the date purchased, the name of the common carrier used to deliver the wine, and the quantity and value of each shipment;

(d) in connection with the acceptance of an order for a delivery of wine to a New York resident, require the prospective customer to represent that such customer has attained the age of twenty-one years or more and that the wine being purchased will not be resold or introduced into commerce;

(e) require common carriers to:

(i) require a recipient, at the delivery address, upon delivery, to demonstrate that the recipient is at least twenty-one years of age by providing a valid form of photographic identification authorized by section sixty-five-b of this chapter;

(ii) require a recipient to sign an electronic or paper form or other acknowledgement of receipt as approved by the authority; and

(iii) refuse delivery when the proposed recipient appears to be under twenty-one years of age and refuses to present valid identification as required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph;

(f) file returns with and pay to the New York state department of taxation and finance all state and local sales taxes due on sales into this state in accordance with the applicable provisions of the tax law relating to such taxes, the amount of such taxes to be determined on the basis that each sale in this state was at the location where delivery is made;

(g) keep all records required by this section for three years and provide copies of such records, upon written request, to the authority or the department of taxation and finance;

(h) permit the authority or the department of taxation and finance to perform an audit of such out-of-state shipper upon request;

(i) execute a written consent to the jurisdiction of this state, its agencies and instrumentalities and the courts of this state concerning enforcement of this section and any related laws, rules, or regulations, including tax laws, rules or regulations; and

(j) prior to obtaining an out-of-state direct shipper's license, obtain a certificate of authority pursuant to section eleven hundred thirty-four of the tax law and a registration as a distributor pursuant to sections four hundred twenty-one and four hundred twenty-two of the tax law.

4. Situs. Delivery of a shipment in this state by the holder of an out-of-state direct shipper's license shall be deemed to constitute a sale in this state at the place of delivery and shall be subject to all sales taxes levied pursuant to articles twenty-eight and twenty-nine of the tax law.

5. Renewal. The out-of-state shipper may annually renew its license with the authority by paying a one hundred twenty-five dollar renewal fee, providing the authority with a true copy of its current license in such other state to sell wine for off-premises consumption and by complying with such other procedures as are prescribed by rule of the authority.

6. Rules and regulations. The authority and the department of taxation and finance may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.

7. Enforcement. The authority may enforce the requirements of this section including the requirements imposed on the common carrier, by administrative proceedings to suspend or revoke an out-of-state shipper's license and the authority may accept payment of an administrative fine in lieu of suspension, such payments to be determined by rules or regulations promulgated by the authority.

8. Violations. In any action brought under this section, the common carrier and the licensee shall only be held liable for their independent acts.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.