

**Bill Summary**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 1659</b>
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 1659 authorizes a distiller to mix, blend, and treat spirits with cellar treatment, provided the bottle and package sizes are limited to the capacities approved by the United States Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Distillers are also authorized by the measure to purchase from licensed brewers and winemakers outside of the state, provide free samples of spirits, sell spirits for on or off-premises consumption, and purchase beer in retail containers from the holder of a wholesaler, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor, or brewpub self-distributor licensee.

Distillers must obtain a distiller self-distribution license to sell directly to retailers, mixed beverage licensees, beer and wine licensees, and restaurants. Additionally, distillers with this license must elect to directly sell spirits to these entities. The fee for a distiller self-distribution license is set at \$750.00.

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