

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1653

By: Coleman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; creating craft distiller licenses, craft distiller self-distribution licenses, craft distiller spirit lounge licenses and spirit lounge self-distribution licenses; providing for authority pursuant to the licenses; defining terms; establishing annual license fees; providing for codification; and providing a conditional effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-103.1 of Title 37A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A craft distiller license shall authorize the holder thereof to:

1. Manufacture, bottle, package and store spirits produced by the licensee on licensed premises;

2. Sell spirits in this state to licensed wholesalers and holders of retail licenses and to sell spirits outside this state to qualified persons;

1        3. Serve free samples of spirits produced only by the licensee  
2 to visitors twenty-one (21) years of age and older. For purposes of  
3 this paragraph, no visitor may sample more than a total of three (3)  
4 fluid ounces of spirits per day. The distiller shall restrict the  
5 distribution and consumption of samples of spirits to an area within  
6 the licensed premises designated by the distiller. A current floor  
7 plan that includes the designated sampling area shall be on file  
8 with the ABLE Commission. No visitor under twenty-one (21) years of  
9 age shall be permitted to enter the designated sampling area when  
10 samples are being distributed and consumed. Samples of spirits  
11 served by a distiller under this paragraph shall not be considered a  
12 sale of spirits within the meaning of Article XXVIII-A of the  
13 Oklahoma Constitution or Section 1-103 of Title 37A of the Oklahoma  
14 Statutes; provided, such samples of spirits shall be considered  
15 removed or withdrawn from the distillery for use or consumption  
16 within the meaning of Section 5-110 of Title 37A of the Oklahoma  
17 Statutes for excise tax determination and reporting requirements.  
18 Sampling may only occur between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00  
19 a.m.;

20        4. Sell spirits produced by the licensee for either on-premises  
21 or off-premises consumption to consumers on the distillery premises  
22 or on premises located contiguous thereto;

23        5. Sell spirits at public events such as trade shows or  
24 festivals;

1       6. Purchase wine and beer in retail containers from the holder  
2 of a wholesaler license or as specifically provided by law;

3       7. Sell, offer for sale and possess beer and wine for on-  
4 premises consumption; and

5       8. Operate spirit lounges pursuant to Section 2 of this act.

6       B. A craft distiller self-distribution license shall authorize  
7 a holder of a craft distiller license to distribute spirits produced  
8 only by such licensee to holders of retail liquor licenses, retail  
9 spirits licenses, mixed beverage licenses, beer and wine licenses,  
10 caterer licenses, special event licenses, public event licenses,  
11 charitable auction licenses and brewpub licenses.

12       C. A craft distiller shall elect whether to distribute through  
13 a distributor or self-distribute in a subject territory; provided,  
14 however, a craft distiller shall not be permitted to elect to do  
15 both simultaneously in a subject territory. The election shall be  
16 made through notice to the ABLE Commission. Any changes to the  
17 election shall require immediate notification to the ABLE Commission  
18 before the change in election shall take effect. A craft distiller  
19 that elects to self-distribute in multiple territories shall only be  
20 required to have one craft distiller self-distribution license.

21       D. If a craft distiller elects to market wine and beer, the  
22 craft distiller shall also be required to obtain a manufacturer's  
23 license and comply with the laws and ABLE Commission rules  
24 pertaining to both licenses.

1 E. As used in this section, "craft distiller" means a  
2 distillery that does not annually produce for sale more than one  
3 hundred thousand (100,000) proof gallons of spirits as reported to  
4 the United States Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax  
5 and Trade Bureau.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-103.2 of Title 37A, unless  
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. A craft distiller spirit lounge license shall authorize a  
10 craft distiller to:

11 1. Manufacture, bottle, package and store spirits on the  
12 licensed premises;

13 2. Sell spirits produced by the licensee for either on-premises  
14 or off-premises consumption to consumers on the distillery premises  
15 or premises located contiguous thereto;

16 3. Sell spirits at public events such as trade shows or  
17 festivals;

18 4. Hold a mixed beverage license, beer and wine license or  
19 caterer license; and

20 5. Hold a craft distillery self-distribution license.

21 B. A spirit lounge self-distribution license shall authorize a  
22 holder of a lounge distribution license to distribute spirits  
23 produced only by the licensee pursuant to a spirit lounge operated  
24 by an entity which has common owners with the spirit lounge

licensee, regardless of which place of business distills the spirits.

C. As used in this section:

1. "Common owners" means that the owners at each place of business or entity together own more than fifty percent (50%) of the interest in each place of business or entity that holds a type of license listed in this section;

2. "Craft distiller" means a distillery that does not annually produce for sale more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) proof gallons of spirits as reported to the United States Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; and

3. "Spirit lounge" means a licensed establishment operated on the premises of, or on premises located contiguous to, a craft distiller that prepares and serves food and beverages, including alcoholic beverages, for on-premises consumption.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-101.1 of Title 37A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The annual license fees for licenses issued pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be as follows:

1. Craft distiller license	\$125.00
2. Craft distiller self-distribution license	\$750.00
3. Craft distiller spirit lounge license	\$75.00
4. Spirit lounge self-distribution license	\$750.00

1       SECTION 4. This act shall become effective upon the passage of  
2 a vote of the people of a constitutional amendment authorizing the  
3 direct sale of spirits by distillery to consumers.  
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