OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 18, 2021

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	<u>SB841</u>			
Ву:	Thompson of the Senate and Echols of the House			
Title:	Alcoholic beverages; business interests; prohibited acts for manufacturers. Effective date			
together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:				
	advise that the conferees have been unable to agree.			
	Respectfully submitted,			
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	Conference Committee on Business and Commerce			

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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT TO 2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 841 By: Thompson of the Senate 3 and Echols of the House 4 5 6 7 An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending Sections 89, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 431, O.S.L. 2019, 8 Section 90, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019, and Section 91, 9 Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by Section 24, 10 Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 3-119, 3-120 and 3-121), which relate to 11 business interests and acts prohibited for manufacturers or brewers; modifying language; limiting prohibition to Oklahoma licensed 12 manufacturers or brewers; providing certain exception to ownership interests; prohibiting selling certain 13 products with common ownership interests; and 14 providing an effective date. 15 16 17 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Delete the title, enacting clause and entire bill and replace with: 18 19 "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending Section 89, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as last 20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 431, O.S.L. 2019, Section 90, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by 21 Section 23, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019, and Section 91, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by Section 22 24, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 3-119, 3-120 and 3-121), which relate to 23 business interests and acts prohibited for manufacturers; modifying language; limiting prohibition to Oklahoma licensed manufacturers;

providing certain exception to ownership interests; prohibiting selling certain products with common ownership interests; and providing an effective date.

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

6 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 89, Chapter 366, O.S.L.

2016, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 431, O.S.L. 2019 (37A

O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3-119), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-119. A. It shall be unlawful for any Oklahoma

licensed manufacturer, or brewer, or any wine and spirits

wholesaler, beer distributor or person authorized to sell alcoholic

beverages to a wholesaler, or any employee, officer, director,

stockholder owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock, any

type of partner, manager, member or agent thereof, to directly or

15 | indirectly:

- 1. Have any financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic beverage is sold at retail or in any business connected
- 18 | with the retailing of alcoholic beverages; provided, nothing in this
- 19 act the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall prohibit the
- 20 operation of a mixed beverage licensee, beer and wine licensee or
- 21 | caterer licensee by an entity which has common owners with the
- 22 | holder of a small brewer license or a brewpub license;
- 23 2. Lend any money or other thing of value, or to make any gift
- 24 or offer any gratuity, to any package store, retail wine, retail

- beer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer:
 - 3. Guarantee any loan or the repayment of any financial obligation of any retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer;
- 4. Require any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer to purchase and dispose of any quota of alcoholic beverages, or to require any retailer to purchase any kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages in order to obtain any other kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages;
- 5. Sell to any retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer any alcoholic beverage on consignment, or upon condition, or with the privilege of return, or on any condition other than a bona fide sale; provided, the following shall not be considered a violation of this paragraph:
 - a. delivery in good faith, through mistake, inadvertence or oversight, of an alcoholic beverage that was not ordered by a retailer, mixed beverage licensee, on-premises beer and wine licensee, caterer, public event or special event licensee to such licensee,

- b. replacement of product breakage that occurred while the alcoholic beverages were in transit from the wholesaler to the licensee, or
 - c. replacement of cork-tainted wine that makes the product unsaleable as long as the licensee notifies the wine and spirits wholesaler of the defect in writing within ninety (90) days after delivery of the product; or
- 6. Extend credit to any retailer, other than holders of Federal Liquor Stamps on United States government reservations and installations, mixed beverage, public event or on-premises beer and wine licensee or caterer, other than a state lodge located in a county which has approved the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption. The acceptance of a postdated check or draft or the failure to deposit for collection a current check or draft by the second banking day after receipt shall be deemed an extension of credit. Violation of this section shall be grounds for suspension of the license.
- B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the holder of an Oklahoma Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was licensed and permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises consumption until the passage of State Question 792 on November 8, 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an ownership interest in

1 <u>a manufacturer whose products are made outside of this state,</u>
2 provided:

- 1. This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer, or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and
- 2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned manufacturer.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 90, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3-120), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-120. A. No mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, public event or bottle club licensee, partner in any type of partnership, manager or member of a limited liability company, officer, director or stockholder of any corporate licensee owning more than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock shall have any right, title, lien, claim or interest, financial or otherwise in, upon or to the premises, equipment, business or merchandise of any package store, beer distributor, wholesaler, brewer, or Oklahoma licensed manufacturer or wholesaler. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a person who is an officer or director of a fraternal or veteran's organization which is a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(8),(10) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code and

- which holds a license issued by the ABLE Commission from having a right, title, lien, claim or interest in the premises, equipment,
- 3 | business or merchandise of a package store.
- B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the
- 5 | holder of an Oklahoma Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was
- 6 | licensed and permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises
- 7 | consumption until the passage of State Question 792 on November 8,
- 8 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an ownership interest in
- 9 a manufacturer whose products are made outside of this state,
- 10 | provided:
- 1. This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in
- 12 | the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer,
- 13 or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and
- 14 2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a
- 15 | manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail
- 16 | locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned
- 17 | manufacturer.
- 18 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 91, Chapter 366, O.S.L.
- 19 2016, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S.
- 20 Supp. 2020, Section 3-121), is amended to read as follows:
- 21 | Section 3-121. A. No Oklahoma licensed manufacturer, or
- 22 brewer, or any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor,
- 23 partner in any type of partnership, manager or member of a limited
- 24 liability company, or officer, director or stockholder of any

- nonresident seller, brewer, or manufacturer licensee, owning more 1 2 than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock shall have any right, title, 3 claim or interest, financial or otherwise in, upon or to the premises, equipment, business or merchandise of any mixed beverage, 4 5 beer and wine, caterer, public event or bottle club licensee.
 - B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, the holder of an Oklahoma Retail Beer or Retail Wine License who was licensed and permitted to sell low-point beer for off-premises consumption until the passage of State Question 792 on November 8, 2016, shall not be prohibited from holding an ownership interest in a manufacturer whose products are made outside of this state, provided:
 - 1. This right shall only apply to the ownership interests in the manufacturer that were held by the Oklahoma licensed retailer, or its successor in interest, as of November 8, 2016; and
 - 2. The Oklahoma licensed retailer that is commonly owned by a manufacturer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail locations any wine or spirits that are made by the commonly owned manufacturer.
 - SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021."

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6	Passed the Senate the day of, 2021.
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- 1 type of partner, manager, member or agent thereof, to directly or
 2 indirectly:
 - 1. Have any financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic beverage is sold at retail or in any business connected with the retailing of alcoholic beverages; provided, nothing in this act the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall prohibit the operation of a mixed beverage licensee, beer and wine licensee or caterer licensee by an entity which has common owners with the holder of a small brewer license or a brewpub license;
 - 2. Lend any money or other thing of value, or to make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any package store, retail wine, retail beer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer;
 - 3. Guarantee any loan or the repayment of any financial obligation of any retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer;
 - 4. Require any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer to purchase and dispose of any quota of alcoholic beverages, or to require any retailer to purchase any kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages in order to obtain any other kind, type, size, container or brand of alcoholic beverages;

- 5. Sell to any retailer, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer any alcoholic beverage on consignment, or upon condition, or with the privilege of return, or on any condition other than a bona fide sale; provided, the following shall not be considered a violation of this paragraph:
 - a. delivery in good faith, through mistake, inadvertence or oversight, of an alcoholic beverage that was not ordered by a retailer, mixed beverage licensee, on-premises beer and wine licensee, caterer, public event or special event licensee to such licensee,
 - b. replacement of product breakage that occurred while the alcoholic beverages were in transit from the wholesaler to the licensee, or
 - c. replacement of cork-tainted wine that makes the product unsaleable as long as the licensee notifies the wine and spirits wholesaler of the defect in writing within ninety (90) days after delivery of the product; or
- 6. Extend credit to any retailer, other than holders of Federal Liquor Stamps on United States government reservations and installations, mixed beverage, public event or on-premises beer and wine licensee or caterer, other than a state lodge located in a county which has approved the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption. The acceptance of

- a postdated check or draft or the failure to deposit for collection a current check or draft by the second banking day after receipt shall be deemed an extension of credit. Violation of this section shall be grounds for suspension of the license.
 - B. Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, a manufacturer or brewer whose products are made outside this state shall not be prohibited from having any ownership interest in an Oklahoma licensed retailer; provided, the Oklahoma retailer that is commonly owned by a manufacturer or brewer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail locations any beer, wine or spirits that are made by the manufacturer or brewer within or outside this state.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY Section 90, Chapter 366, O.S.L.

 2016, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S.

 Supp. 2020, Section 3-120), is amended to read as follows:

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or veteran's organization which is a tax exempt organization under

Section 501(c)(8),(10) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code and

which holds a license issued by the ABLE Commission from having a

right, title, lien, claim or interest in the premises, equipment,

business or merchandise of a package store.

Notwithstanding any statutory provision to the contrary, a manufacturer or brewer whose products are made outside this state shall not be prohibited from having any ownership interest in an Oklahoma licensed retailer; provided, the Oklahoma retailer that is commonly owned by a manufacturer or brewer does not offer for sale at its Oklahoma retail locations any beer, wine or spirits that are made by the manufacturer or brewer within or outside this state. SECTION 7. AMENDATORY Section 91, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2016, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 3-121), is amended to read as follows: Section 3-121. A. No Oklahoma licensed manufacturer, or brewer, or any wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, partner in any type of partnership, manager or member of a limited liability company, or officer, director or stockholder of any nonresident seller, brewer, or manufacturer licensee, owning more than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock shall have any right, title, claim or interest, financial or otherwise in, upon or to the premises, equipment, business or merchandise of any mixed beverage,

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5	commonly owned by a manufacturer or brewer does not offer for sale
6	at its Oklahoma retail locations any beer, wine or spirits that are
7	made by the manufacturer or brewer within or outside this state.
8	SECTION 8. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.
9	Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2021.
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13	Passed the House of Representatives the day of,
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