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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

	SPEAKER:							
	CHAIR:							
I mov	re to amen	d <u>HB4071</u>			Of t	the printed	Bill	
Page		Section		Lin	es	e Engrossed		
By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:								
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Adopte	ed:			Amendment	submitted by	: Kevin Wallad		

Reading Clerk

1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA					
2	2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)					
3	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE					
4	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4071 By: Wallace					
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7	PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE					
8	An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-109, which relates to retail spirits license holder privileges; authorizing the sale of refrigerated spirits; limiting the sale of refrigerated spirits to certain size volumes; amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 3-123, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2023 (37A O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 3-123), which relates to the privileges					
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12	and limitations of alcoholic beverage licensees; establishing certain right of licensees to purchase certain refrigerating equipment; limiting right; and providing an effective date.					
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:					
18	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-109, is					
19	amended to read as follows:					
20	Section 2-109. A. A retail spirits license shall authorize the					
21	holder thereof:					
22	1. To purchase wine or spirits from a wine and spirits					
23	wholesaler;					
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2. To purchase beer from a beer distributor or from the holder of a small brewer self-distribution license;

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- 3. To sell same beer, wine, and spirits, refrigerated or non-refrigerated, on the licensed premises in such containers to consumers for off-premises consumption only and not for resale; provided that for refrigerated spirits, any such sales shall be limited to individual container sizes of 375 milliliters or less, and further provided that, spirits, wine, and beer may be sold to charitable organizations that are holders of charitable alcoholic beverage auction or charitable alcoholic beverage event licenses; and
- 4. To host alcoholic beverage tastings consistent with subsections D and E of this section.
 - B. A retail wine license shall authorize the holder thereof:
 - 1. To purchase wine from a wine and spirits wholesaler;
- 2. To purchase wine from a small farm winemaker who is permitted and has elected to self-distribute as provided in Article XXVIII-A of the Oklahoma Constitution;
- 3. To sell same on the licensed premises in such containers to consumers for off-premises consumption only and not for resale; provided, wine may be sold to charitable organizations that are holders of charitable alcoholic beverage auction or charitable alcoholic beverage event licenses; and

4. To host an alcoholic beverage tasting, consistent with subsections D and E of this section.

Provided, no holder of a retail wine license may sell wine with alcohol beverage volume in excess of fifteen percent (15%).

- C. A retail beer license shall authorize the holder thereof:
- 1. To purchase beer from a beer distributor;

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- 2. To purchase beer from the holder of a small brewer self-distribution license;
- 3. To sell same on the licensed premises in such containers to consumers for off-premises consumption only and not for resale; provided, beer may be sold to charitable organizations that are holders of charitable alcoholic beverage auction or charitable alcoholic beverage event licenses; and
- 4. To host alcoholic beverage tastings consistent with subsections D and E of this section.

Provided, no holder of a retail beer license may sell a malt beverage with alcohol beverage volume in excess of fifteen percent (15%).

- D. All tastings conducted under this section shall:
- 1. Be conducted under the direct supervision of the licensee authorized to host the tasting;
 - 2. Be poured by any ABLE Commission licensee lawfully permitted to serve alcoholic beverages, provided no wine or spirits wholesaler, beer distributor or employee of a wine or spirits

wholesaler or beer distributor shall be allowed to pour samples for
tastings;

- 3. Use alcoholic beverages purchased by the licensee authorized to host the tastings from a licensed wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, self-distributor, small brewer or self-distributing winery authorized to sell the same, and the licensee shall pay the applicable taxes on the alcoholic beverages purchased; provided, the licensee may only provide samples of alcoholic beverages that its license is authorized to sell;
- 4. Be restricted to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
- 5. Be limited to no more than one (1) fluid ounce of spirits, two (2) fluid ounces of wine or three (3) fluid ounces of beer per consumer per day; and
- 6. Be consumed on the licensed premises of the licensee authorized to host the tastings or at a location other than the licensed premises, provided no samples served on the licensed premises shall be permitted to be removed from the licensed premises.
- E. All licensees authorized to serve samples pursuant to subsection D of this section shall ensure that:
 - 1. All samples are poured only from original sealed packaging;

- 2. Any alcoholic beverages remaining in unsealed packaging used to provide samples, excluding spirits, are poured out by the end of the day;
- 3. No more than six (6) bottles of alcoholic beverages are unsealed at any given time; and
- 4. No person shall remove any samples from the licensed premises or location where the tasting has occurred.
- 8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 3-123, as
 9 amended by Section 3, Chapter 94, O.S.L. 2023 (37A O.S. Supp. 2023,
 10 Section 3-123), is amended to read as follows:
- 11 Section 3-123.

- \$37A-3-123. Sale of alcoholic beverages to wholesalers, beer distributors or retailers Unlawful to discriminate in price Violations.
 - A. It shall be unlawful for any person privileged to sell alcoholic beverages to wholesalers, beer distributors or retailers:
 - 1. To discriminate, directly or indirectly, in price between one wine and spirits wholesaler and another wine and spirits wholesaler, when that manufacturer has not designated a single wine and spirits wholesaler, or between one retailer and another retailer purchasing alcoholic beverages bearing the same brand or trade name and of like age and quality, unless otherwise provided by law; or
 - 2. To grant, directly or indirectly, any discount, rebate, free goods, allowance or other inducement.

B. The ABLE Commission is hereby authorized to promulgate rules which are necessary to carry out the purpose of this section and to prevent its circumvention by offering or giving of any rebate, allowance, free goods, discount or any other thing or service of value; provided, the posting or invoicing of charges per order for processing minimum orders or per case for the handling or repacking of goods by wine and spirits wholesalers and beer distributors for sales in less than full case lots shall not constitute a violation of this section.

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- C. For the violation of any provision of this section or of any rule duly promulgated under this section, the ABLE Commission may issue a written warning, fine, suspend or revoke a license as follows:
- 1. For a first offense, a written warning which may be accompanied by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00);
- 2. For a second offense, not exceeding ten (10) days' suspension of license; and
 - 3. For a third offense, the ABLE Commission shall revoke the license.

21 Provided, however, prior to suspending or revoking a license, 22 the ABLE Commission shall first provide written notice to a licensee 23 of the violation and a period of ninety (90) days following such 24 notice to cure or remedy such violation. For purposes of this

section, a "second offense" and "third offense" shall mean violations that are related to or arising out of and occurring within twelve (12) months of the "first offense".

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D. 1. For purposes of this section, and except as otherwise provided in subsection E of this section, "inducement" means directly or indirectly offering, selling, trading, giving or furnishing any discount, free goods, electronic or nonelectronic refrigerated equipment, barrels, tubs, fixtures, dispensing equipment, outdoor electric or nonelectric advertising structure displaying the retailer's name, permanent shelving, supplies, gifts, prizes, instantly redeemable coupons, premiums, retailer rebates, services of any employee including but not limited to affixing price labels or tags, routinely stocking product on shelves other than the stocking of cold boxes, paying a third party for entering product and price information into a retailer's computer system, portal, website, spreadsheet or third-party system, handling product that was not sold to the retailer by the licensee, paying a slotting fee, selling on consignment, operating a retailer's cash register, conducting janitorial services, providing decorations, samples of alcoholic beverages, personal property or other inducement or thing of value to any retail spirit, retail beer, retail wine, beer and wine, mixed beverage, caterer, bottle club or special event licensee, wine and spirits wholesaler or beer distributor, their agents or employees.

2. No provision of this section or interpretation of administrative code by an agency shall limit the right of a retail spirit licensee, their agents, or employees to purchase electronic or non-electronic refrigerating equipment used for the sale and display of spirits from any manufacturer, distiller, rectifier, nonresidential seller, wine or spirits wholesaler, or other such industry members selling such equipment to retail spirit licensees, provided that such equipment is sold at a price not less than the cost to the industry member and payment is collected within thirty (30) days of such sale.

- E. It shall not be deemed an inducement for a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor to voluntarily take the following merchandising actions with the permission of the retail licensee:
- 1. Furnish point-of-sale advertising materials and consumer advertising specialties, as those terms are defined in 27 C.F.R., Section 6.84 and in compliance with the other limits and restrictions provided in 27 C.F.R., Section 6.84;
- 2. Give or sell product displays, including but not limited to barrels and tubs, provided that the value of such displays does not exceed the limits and restrictions provided in 27 C.F.R., Section 6.83;
- 3. Build product displays, accessible to the customer for the product being delivered by the beer distributor;

4. Affix pricing to the shelf strip or product display for the product being delivered by the beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor, or brewed by the brewer;

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- 5. Routinely stock and restock shelves and cold boxes and rotate product that has been sold to the retail licensee by the beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor, or brewed by the brewer;
- 6. Periodically perform product resets, with permission of the retail licensee, pursuant to a provided shelf plan or shelf schematic;
- 7. Furnish things of value to a temporary retailer, as defined in 27 C.F.R., Section 6.85;
- 8. Sell equipment or supplies to a retail licensee, provided the equipment or supplies are sold at a price not less than the cost to the industry member and payment is collected within thirty (30) days of the sale;
- 9. Install dispensing accessories at the retail location, as long as the retailer bears the cost of installation including equipment; or furnish, give or sell coil cleaning services to a retailer;
- 10. Withdraw quantities of beer or cider in undamaged, original packaging from the retail licensee's stock, provided the beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor, brewpub self-distributor or brewer sold such beer, directly or indirectly, to the retail

licensee and such removal is otherwise permitted under Section 3-115
of this title; provided, however, replacing with beer or cider of
equivalent value shall not be considered a consignment sale;

- 11. Provide mail-in rebates for beer, cider and nonalcoholic beverage merchandise items, funded by the brewer and redeemed by the brewer, either by itself or through a third-party fulfillment company, for a discount or rebate on the beer, cider or nonalcoholic item;
- 12. Provide a recommended shelf plan or shelf schematic to a retail licensee for all or any portion of the inventory sold by the retail licensee;
 - 13. Furnish or give a sample of beer or cider to a retailer who has not purchased the brand from that brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor within the last twelve (12) months, provided that the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor may not give more than thirty-six (36) ounces of any brand of beer or cider to a specific retailer;
 - 14. Furnish or give newspaper cuts, mats or engraved blocks for use in retailers' advertisements;
 - 15. Package and distribute beer or cider in combination with other nonalcoholic items for sale to consumers;
- 16. Give or sponsor educational seminars for employees of retailers either at the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-

- distributor or brewpub self-distributor's premises or at the retailer's establishment, including seminars dealing with use of a retailer's equipment, training seminars for employees of retailers or tours of the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor, or brewpub self-distributor's plant premises, provided that the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor shall not pay the retailer for the employees' travel, lodging or other expenses in conjunction with an educational seminar but may provide nominal hospitality during the event;
 - 17. Conduct tasting or sampling activities at a retail establishment and purchase the products to be used from the retailer so long as the purchase price paid does not exceed the ordinary retail price; provided, a beer distributor shall not be required to provide labor for such sampling activities;

- 18. Offer contest prizes, premium offers, refunds and like items directly to consumers so long as officers, employees and representatives of brewers, beer distributors, small brewer self-distributors, brewpub self-distributors and licensed retailers are excluded from participation;
- 19. List the names and addresses of two or more unaffiliated retailers selling the products of a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor in an advertisement of such brewer, beer distributor, small brewer,

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    small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor so long as
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    the requirements of 27 C.F.R., Section 6.98 are satisfied,
    considering applicable guidance issued by the United States
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    Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau;
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    provided, nothing in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act
    shall prohibit a retail, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine,
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    public event, special event, charitable auction, charitable
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    communicating with a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer, small
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    brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor on social media
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    or sharing media on the social media page or site of a brewer, beer
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    request free social media advertising from a brewer, beer
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    distributor or brewpub self-distributor from sharing, reposting or
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    of the social media post does not contain the retail price of any
    alcoholic beverage. No brewer, beer distributor, small brewer,
    small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor shall pay
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    or reimburse a retail, mixed beverage, on-premises beer and wine,
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    event, or complimentary beverage licensee shall accept any payment
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    advertising service offered by a brewer, beer distributor, small
    brewer, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor.
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    For purposes of this paragraph, "social media" means a service,
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    platform or site where users communicate with one another and share
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    media, such as pictures, videos, music and blogs, with other users
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    free of charge; or
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- 20. Entering product and price information into a retailer's portal, website, spreadsheet or third-party system. A brewer may pay for a third-party system that provides data and pricing services to the brewer or a beer distributor.
- F. It shall not be deemed an inducement for a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor to engage in the following marketing activities,

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provided that the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer selfdistributor or brewpub self-distributor shall not pay the retailer's travel costs other than those for local transportation or lodging:

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- 1. Provide tickets to a retailer for a sporting or entertainment event so long as a representative of the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor attends the event with the retailer;
- 2. Provide food and beverage to a retailer for immediate consumption:
 - a. at a meeting at which the primary purpose is the discussion of business,
 - b. at a convention when the food and beverages are offered to all participants, or
 - c. at a sports or entertainment event that the representatives of a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor attend with the retailer;
- 3. Participate in retailer association activities by engaging in the following actions:
 - a. displaying products at a convention or trade show,
 - b. renting display booth space if the rental fee is the same as paid by all exhibitors at the event,
 - c. providing its own hospitality which is independent from association-sponsored activities,

d. purchasing tickets to functions and paying registration fees if the payments or fees are the same as paid by all attendees, participants or exhibitors at the event, or

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- e. making payments for advertisements in programs or brochures issued by retailer associations at a convention or trade show; or
- 4. Giving or selling outdoor signs to a retailer so long as the following requirements of 27 C.F.R., Section 6.102 are satisfied:
 - a. the sign bears conspicuous and substantial advertising matter about the product or the brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor or brewpub self-distributor which is permanently inscribed or securely affixed,
 - b. the retailer is not compensated, directly or indirectly, such as through a sign company, for displaying the signs, and
 - c. a permanent outdoor sign does not contain the retailer's name.
- G. It shall not be deemed an inducement or a discriminatory action for a brewer, beer distributor, small brewer self-distributor, brewpub self-distributor, or a wine and spirits wholesaler to establish individualized servicing and delivery schedules for its retailers based on each retailer's actual needs,

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        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.
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