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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 4.1-100 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control; definitions; designer and vintage spirit bottles.*

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Committee Referral Pending

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 4.1-100 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 4.1-100. Definitions.**

As used in this title unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Alcohol" means the product known as ethyl or grain alcohol obtained by distillation of any fermented liquor, rectified either once or more often, whatever the origin, and shall include synthetic ethyl alcohol, but shall not include methyl alcohol and alcohol completely denatured in accordance with formulas approved by the government of the United States.

"Alcohol vaporizing device" means any device, machine, or process that mixes any alcoholic beverages with pure oxygen or other gas to produce a vaporized product for the purpose of consumption by inhalation.

"Alcoholic beverages" includes alcohol, spirits, wine, and beer, and any one or more of such varieties containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, including mixed alcoholic beverages, and every liquid or solid, powder or crystal, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine, or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being. Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the four varieties shall be considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher percentage of alcohol, however obtained, according to the order in which they are set forth in this definition; except that beer may be manufactured to include flavoring materials and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol, as long as no more than 49 percent of the overall alcohol content of the finished product is derived from the addition of flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol for products with an alcohol content of no more than six percent by volume; or, in the case of products with an alcohol content of more than six percent by volume, as long as no more than one and one-half percent of the volume of the finished product consists of alcohol derived from added flavors and other nonbeverage ingredients containing alcohol.

"Arts venue" means a commercial or nonprofit establishment that is open to the public and in which works of art are sold or displayed.

"Authority" means the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority created pursuant to this title.

"Barrel" means any container or vessel having a capacity of more than 43 ounces.

"Bed and breakfast establishment" means any establishment (i) having no more than 15 bedrooms; (ii) offering to the public, for compensation, transitory lodging or sleeping accommodations; and (iii) offering at least one meal per day, which may but need not be breakfast, to each person to whom overnight lodging is provided. For purposes of the licensing requirements of this title, "bed and breakfast establishment" includes any property offered to the public for short-term rental, as that term is defined in § 15.2-983, other than a hotel as defined in this section, regardless of whether a meal is offered to each person to whom overnight lodging is provided.

"Beer" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, malt, and hops or of any similar products in drinkable water and containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume.

"Board" means the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

"Bottle" means any vessel intended to contain liquids and having a capacity of not more than 43 ounces.

"Bus" means a motor vehicle that (i) is operated by a common carrier licensed under Chapter 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) of Title 46.2 to transport passengers for compensation over the highways of the Commonwealth on regular or irregular routes of not less than 100 miles, (ii) seats no more than 24 passengers, (iii) is 40 feet in length or longer, (iv) offers wireless Internet services, (v) is equipped with charging stations at every seat for cellular phones or other portable devices, and (vi) during the transportation of passengers, is staffed by an attendant who has satisfied all training requirements set forth in this title or Board regulation.

"Club" means any private nonprofit corporation or association which is the owner, lessee, or

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59 occupant of an establishment operated solely for a national, social, patriotic, political, athletic, or other  
60 like purpose, but not for pecuniary gain, the advantages of which belong to all of the members. It also  
61 means the establishment so operated. A corporation or association shall not lose its status as a club  
62 because of the conduct of charitable gaming conducted pursuant to Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.)  
63 of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2 in which nonmembers participate frequently or in large numbers, provided  
64 that no alcoholic beverages are served or consumed in the room where such charitable gaming is being  
65 conducted while such gaming is being conducted and that no alcoholic beverages are made available  
66 upon the premises to any person who is neither a member nor a bona fide guest of a member.

67 Any such corporation or association which has been declared exempt from federal and state income  
68 taxes as one which is not organized and operated for pecuniary gain or profit shall be deemed a  
69 nonprofit corporation or association.

70 "Commercial lifestyle center" means a mixed-use commercial development covering a minimum of  
71 10 acres of land and having at least 100,000 square feet of retail space featuring national specialty chain  
72 stores and a combination of dining, entertainment, office, residential, or hotel establishments located in a  
73 physically integrated outdoor setting that is pedestrian friendly and that is governed by a commercial  
74 owners' association that is responsible for the management, maintenance, and operation of the common  
75 areas thereof.

76 "Container" means any barrel, bottle, carton, keg, vessel, or other receptacle used for holding  
77 alcoholic beverages.

78 "Contract winemaking facility" means the premises of a licensed winery or farm winery that obtains  
79 grapes, fruits, and other agricultural products from a person holding a farm winery license and crushes,  
80 processes, ferments, bottles, or provides any combination of such services pursuant to an agreement with  
81 the farm winery licensee. For all purposes of this title, wine produced by a contract winemaking facility  
82 for a farm winery shall be considered to be wine owned and produced by the farm winery that supplied  
83 the grapes, fruits, or other agricultural products used in the production of the wine. The contract  
84 winemaking facility shall have no right to sell the wine so produced, unless the terms of payment have  
85 not been fulfilled in accordance with the contract. The contract winemaking facility may charge the farm  
86 winery for its services.

87 "Convenience grocery store" means an establishment that (i) has an enclosed room in a permanent  
88 structure where stock is displayed and offered for sale and (ii) maintains an inventory of edible items  
89 intended for human consumption consisting of a variety of such items of the types normally sold in  
90 grocery stores.

91 "Culinary lodging resort" means a facility (i) having not less than 13 overnight guest rooms in a  
92 building that has at least 20,000 square feet of indoor floor space; (ii) located on a farm in the  
93 Commonwealth with at least 1,000 acres of land zoned agricultural; (iii) equipped with a full-service  
94 kitchen; and (iv) offering to the public, for compensation, at least one meal per day, lodging, and  
95 recreational and educational activities related to farming, livestock, and other rural activities.

96 "Delicatessen" means an establishment that sells a variety of prepared foods or foods requiring little  
97 preparation, such as cheeses, salads, cooked meats, and related condiments.

98 "Designated area" means a room or area approved by the Board for on-premises licensees.

99 *"Designer spirit bottle" means a bottle of spirits that (i) is considered upscale, fashionable, or in*  
100 *high demand and (ii) is not readily available for purchase in government stores, is available only for*  
101 *in-store purchases in limited quantities, or is sold through the Authority's spirits lottery process.*

102 "Dining area" means a public room or area in which meals are regularly served.

103 "Drugstore" means an establishment that sells medicines prepared by a licensed pharmacist pursuant  
104 to a prescription and other medicines and items for home and general use.

105 "Establishment" means any place where alcoholic beverages of one or more varieties are lawfully  
106 manufactured, sold, or used.

107 "Farm winery" means (i) an establishment (a) located on a farm in the Commonwealth on land zoned  
108 agricultural with a producing vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area and with facilities for  
109 fermenting and bottling wine on the premises where the owner or lessee manufactures wine that contains  
110 not more than 21 percent alcohol by volume or (b) located in the Commonwealth on land zoned  
111 agricultural with a producing vineyard, orchard, or similar growing area or agreements for purchasing  
112 grapes or other fruits from agricultural growers within the Commonwealth, and with facilities for  
113 fermenting and bottling wine on the premises where the owner or lessee manufactures wine that contains  
114 not more than 21 percent alcohol by volume or (ii) an accredited public or private institution of higher  
115 education, provided that (a) no wine manufactured by the institution shall be sold, (b) the wine  
116 manufactured by the institution shall be used solely for research and educational purposes, (c) the wine  
117 manufactured by the institution shall be stored on the premises of such farm winery that shall be  
118 separate and apart from all other facilities of the institution, and (d) such farm winery is operated in  
119 strict conformance with the requirements of this clause (ii) and Board regulations. As used in this  
120 definition, the terms "owner" and "lessee" shall include a cooperative formed by an association of

individuals for the purpose of manufacturing wine. In the event that such cooperative is licensed as a farm winery, the term "farm" as used in this definition includes all of the land owned or leased by the individual members of the cooperative as long as such land is located in the Commonwealth. For purposes of this definition, "land zoned agricultural" means (1) land zoned as an agricultural district or classification or (2) land otherwise permitted by a locality for farm winery use. For purposes of this definition, "land zoned agricultural" does not include land zoned "residential conservation." Except for the limitation on land zoned "residential conservation," nothing in the definition of "land zoned agricultural" shall otherwise limit or affect local zoning authority.

"Gift shop" means any bona fide retail store selling, predominantly, gifts, books, souvenirs, specialty items relating to history, original and handmade arts and products, collectibles, crafts, and floral arrangements, which is open to the public on a regular basis. Such shop shall be a permanent structure where stock is displayed and offered for sale and which has facilities to properly secure any stock of wine or beer. Such shop may be located (i) on the premises or grounds of a government registered national, state or local historic building or site or (ii) within the premises of a museum. The Board shall consider the purpose, characteristics, nature, and operation of the shop in determining whether it shall be considered a gift shop.

"Gourmet brewing shop" means an establishment which sells to persons to whom wine or beer may lawfully be sold, ingredients for making wine or brewing beer, including packaging, and rents to such persons facilities for manufacturing, fermenting and bottling such wine or beer.

"Gourmet oyster house" means an establishment that (i) is located on the premises of a commercial marina, (ii) is permitted by the Department of Health to serve oysters and other fresh seafood for consumption on the premises, and (iii) offers to the public events for the purpose of featuring and educating the consuming public about local oysters and other seafood products.

"Gourmet shop" means an establishment provided with adequate inventory, shelving, and storage facilities, where, in consideration of payment, substantial amounts of domestic and imported wines and beers of various types and sizes and related products such as cheeses and gourmet foods are habitually furnished to persons.

"Government store" means a store established by the Authority for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

"Grocery store" means an establishment that sells food and other items intended for human consumption, including a variety of ingredients commonly used in the preparation of meals.

"Historic cinema house" means a nonprofit establishment exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that was built prior to 1970 and that exists for the primary purpose of showing motion pictures to the public.

"Hotel" means any duly licensed establishment, provided with special space and accommodation, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to persons, and which has four or more bedrooms. It shall also mean the person who operates such hotel.

"Interdicted person" means a person to whom the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by order pursuant to this title.

"Internet wine and beer retailer" means a person who owns or operates an establishment with adequate inventory, shelving, and storage facilities, where, in consideration of payment, Internet or telephone orders are taken and shipped directly to consumers and which establishment is not a retail store open to the public.

"Intoxicated" means a condition in which a person has drunk enough alcoholic beverages to observably affect his manner, disposition, speech, muscular movement, general appearance, or behavior.

"Licensed" means the holding of a valid license granted by the Authority.

"Licensee" means any person to whom a license has been granted by the Authority.

"Liqueur" means any of a class of highly flavored alcoholic beverages that do not exceed an alcohol content of 25 percent by volume.

"Low alcohol beverage cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, but not more than seven and one-half percent alcohol by volume, and consisting of spirits mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials; it may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, preservatives or other similar products manufactured by fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Low alcohol beverage coolers shall be treated as wine for all purposes of this title, except that low alcohol beverage coolers may be manufactured by a licensed distiller or a distiller located outside the Commonwealth.

"Marina store" means an establishment that is located on the same premises as a marina, is operated by the owner of such marina, and sells food and nautical and fishing supplies.

"Meals" means, for a mixed beverage license, an assortment of foods commonly ordered in bona fide, full-service restaurants as principal meals of the day. Such restaurants shall include establishments specializing in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

"Member of a club" means (i) a person who maintains his membership in the club by the payment of

182 monthly, quarterly, or annual dues in the manner established by the rules and regulations thereof or (ii)  
183 a person who is a member of a bona fide auxiliary, local chapter, or squadron composed of direct lineal  
184 descendants of a bona fide member, whether alive or deceased, of a national or international  
185 organization to which an individual lodge holding a club license is an authorized member in the same  
186 locality. It shall also mean a lifetime member whose financial contribution is not less than 10 times the  
187 annual dues of resident members of the club, the full amount of such contribution being paid in advance  
188 in a lump sum.

189 "Mixed beverage" or "mixed alcoholic beverage" means a drink composed in whole or in part of  
190 spirits.

191 "Mixer" means any prepackaged ingredients containing beverages or flavoring or coloring materials,  
192 and which may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives  
193 which are not commonly consumed unless combined with alcoholic beverages, whether or not such  
194 ingredients contain alcohol. Such specialty beverage product shall be manufactured or distributed by a  
195 Virginia corporation.

196 "Municipal golf course" means any golf course that is owned by any town incorporated in 1849 and  
197 which is the county seat of Smyth County.

198 "Place or premises" means the real estate, together with any buildings or other improvements thereon,  
199 designated in the application for a license as the place at which the manufacture, bottling, distribution,  
200 use or sale of alcoholic beverages shall be performed, except that portion of any such building or other  
201 improvement actually and exclusively used as a private residence.

202 "Principal stockholder" means any person who individually or in concert with his spouse and  
203 immediate family members beneficially owns or controls, directly or indirectly, five percent or more of  
204 the equity ownership of any person that is a licensee of the Authority, or who in concert with his spouse  
205 and immediate family members has the power to vote or cause the vote of five percent or more of any  
206 such equity ownership. "Principal stockholder" does not include a broker-dealer registered under the  
207 Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that holds in inventory shares for sale on the financial  
208 markets for a publicly traded corporation holding, directly or indirectly, a license from the Authority.

209 "Public place" means any place, building, or conveyance to which the public has, or is permitted to  
210 have, access, including restaurants, soda fountains, hotel dining areas, lobbies and corridors of hotels,  
211 and any park, place of public resort or amusement, highway, street, lane, or sidewalk adjoining any  
212 highway, street, or lane.

213 "Public place" does not include (i) hotel or restaurant dining areas or ballrooms while in use for  
214 private meetings or private parties limited in attendance to members and guests of a particular group,  
215 association or organization; (ii) restaurants licensed by the Authority in office buildings or industrial or  
216 similar facilities while such restaurant is closed to the public and in use for private meetings or parties  
217 limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the owner or a lessee of all or part of such  
218 building or facility; (iii) offices, office buildings or industrial facilities while closed to the public and in  
219 use for private meetings or parties limited in attendance to employees and nonpaying guests of the  
220 owner or a lessee of all or part of such building or facility; or (iv) private recreational or chartered boats  
221 which are not licensed by the Board and on which alcoholic beverages are not sold.

222 "Residence" means any building or part of a building or structure where a person resides, but does  
223 not include any part of a building that is not actually and exclusively used as a private residence, nor  
224 any part of a hotel or club other than a private guest room thereof.

225 "Resort complex" means a facility (i) with a hotel owning year-round sports and recreational facilities  
226 located contiguously on the same property; (ii) owned by a nonstock, nonprofit, taxable corporation with  
227 voluntary membership which, as its primary function, makes available golf, ski, and other recreational  
228 facilities both to its members and to the general public; or (iii) operated by a corporation that operates  
229 as a management company which, as its primary function, makes available (a) vacation accommodations,  
230 guest rooms, or dwelling units and (b) golf, ski, and other recreational facilities to members of the  
231 managed entities and the general public. The hotel or corporation shall have or manage a minimum of  
232 140 private guest rooms or dwelling units contained on not less than 50 acres, whether or not  
233 contiguous to the licensed premises; if the guest rooms or dwelling units are located on property that is  
234 not contiguous to the licensed premises, such guest rooms and dwelling units shall be located within the  
235 same locality. The Authority may consider the purpose, characteristics, and operation of the applicant  
236 establishment in determining whether it shall be considered as a resort complex. All other pertinent  
237 qualifications established by the Board for a hotel operation shall be observed by such licensee.

238 "Restaurant" means, for a wine and beer license or a limited mixed beverage restaurant license, any  
239 establishment provided with special space and accommodation, where, in consideration of payment,  
240 meals or other foods prepared on the premises are regularly sold.

241 "Restaurant" means, for a mixed beverage license other than a limited mixed beverage restaurant  
242 license, an established place of business (i) where meals with substantial entrees are regularly sold and  
243 (ii) which has adequate facilities and sufficient employees for cooking, preparing, and serving such

meals for consumption at tables in dining areas on the premises, and includes establishments specializing in full course meals with a single substantial entree.

"Sale" and "sell" includes soliciting or receiving an order for; keeping, offering or exposing for sale; peddling, exchanging or bartering; or delivering otherwise than gratuitously, by any means, alcoholic beverages.

"Sangria" means a drink consisting of red or white wine mixed with some combination of sweeteners, fruit, fruit juice, soda, or soda water that may also be mixed with brandy, triple sec, or other similar spirits.

"Special agent" means an employee of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority whom the Board has designated as a law-enforcement officer pursuant to § 4.1-105.

"Special event" means an event sponsored by a duly organized nonprofit corporation or association and conducted for an athletic, charitable, civic, educational, political, or religious purpose.

"Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other substances, in solution, and includes, among other things, brandy, rum, whiskey, and gin, or any one or more of the last four named ingredients, but shall not include any such liquors completely denatured in accordance with formulas approved by the United States government.

*"Vintage spirit bottle" means a bottle of spirits that has a unique size, shape, color, label, recipe, or age that renders such bottle collectible.*

"Wine" means any alcoholic beverage, including cider, obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar content of fruits or other agricultural products containing (i) sugar, including honey and milk, either with or without additional sugar; (ii) one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume; and (iii) no product of distillation. "Wine" includes any wine to which wine spirits have been added, as provided in the Internal Revenue Code, to make products commonly known as "fortified wine" which do not exceed an alcohol content of 21 percent by volume.

"Wine cooler" means a drink containing one-half of one percent or more of alcohol by volume, and not more than three and two-tenths percent of alcohol by weight or four percent by volume consisting of wine mixed with nonalcoholic beverages or flavoring or coloring materials, and which may also contain water, fruit juices, fruit adjuncts, sugar, carbon dioxide, or preservatives and shall include other similar products manufactured by fermenting fruit or fruit juices. Wine coolers and similar fermented fruit juice beverages shall be treated as wine for all purposes except for taxation under § 4.1-236.

"With or without meals" means the selling and serving of alcoholic beverages by retail licensees for on-premises consumption whether or not accompanied by food so long as the total food-beverage ratio required by § 4.1-206.3, or the monthly food sale requirement established by Board regulation, is met by such retail licensee.