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2	Senate Bill No. 470
3	(By Senators Miller, Williams, Stollings, Kessler (Mr. President) and Beach)
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5	[Passed April 13, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]
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L 0	AN ACT to amend and reenact $$60-8-3$$ of the Code of West Virginia,
L1	1931, as amended, relating generally to permitting wineries
L2	and farm wineries to sell samples and wine at licensed fairs
L3	or festivals on Sunday mornings; and limiting samples to three
L 4	ounces.
L 5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
L 6	That §60-8-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
L 7	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
L 8	ARTICLE 8. SALE OF WINES.
L 9	§60-8-3. Licenses; fees; general restrictions.
20	(a) No person may engage in business in the capacity of a
21	winery, farm winery, supplier, distributor, retailer, private wine

22 bed and breakfast, private wine restaurant, private wine spa or

- 1 wine specialty shop without first obtaining a license from the 2 commissioner, nor shall a person continue to engage in any activity 3 after his or her license has expired, been suspended or revoked. 4 No person may be licensed simultaneously as a distributor and a 5 retailer. No person, except for a winery or farm winery, may be 6 licensed simultaneously as a supplier and a retailer. No person 7 may be licensed simultaneously as a supplier and a private wine bed 8 and breakfast, private wine restaurant or a private wine spa. No 9 person may be licensed simultaneously as a distributor and a 10 private wine bed and breakfast, a private wine restaurant or a 11 private wine spa. No person may be licensed simultaneously as a 12 retailer and a private wine bed and breakfast, a private wine 13 restaurant or a private wine spa.
- 14 (b) The commissioner shall collect an annual fee for licenses 15 issued under this article, as follows:
- 16 (1) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a supplier's 17 license;
- 18 (2) Twenty-five hundred dollars per year for a distributor's 19 license and each separate warehouse or other facility from which a 20 distributor sells, transfers or delivers wine shall be separately 21 licensed and there shall be collected with respect to each location 22 the annual license fee of \$2,500 as herein provided;

- 1 (3) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a retailer's 2 license;
- 3 (4) Two hundred fifty dollars per year for a wine specialty
  4 shop license, in addition to any other licensing fees paid by a
  5 winery or retailer holding a license, except for the amount of the
  6 license fee and the restriction to sales of winery or farm winery
  7 wines, a winery or farm winery acting as a wine specialty shop
  8 retailer is subject to all other provisions of this article which
  9 are applicable to a wine specialty shop retailer as defined in
  10 section two of this article;
- 11 (5) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a wine tasting 12 license;
- (6) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a private wine bed and breakfast license, and each separate bed and breakfast from thich a licensee sells wine shall be separately licensed and there shall be collected with respect to each location the annual license fee of \$150 as herein provided;
- 18 (7) Two hundred fifty dollars per year for a private wine 19 restaurant license, and each separate restaurant from which a 20 licensee sells wine shall be separately licensed and there shall be 21 collected with respect to each location the annual license fee of 22 \$250 as herein provided;

- 1 (8) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a private wine spa
- 2 license and each separate private wine spa from which a licensee
- 3 sells wine shall be separately licensed and there shall be
- 4 collected with respect to each location the annual license fee of
- 5 \$150 as herein provided;
- 6 (9) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a wine sampling
- 7 license issued for a wine specialty shop under subsection (n) of
- 8 this section;
- 9 (10) No fee shall be charged for a special one-day license
- 10 under subsection (p) of this section or for a heritage fair and
- 11 festival license under subsection (q) of this section; and
- 12 (11) One hundred fifty dollars per year for a direct shipper's
- 13 license for a licensee who sells and ships only wine and \$250 per
- 14 for a direct shipper's license who ships and sells wine,
- 15 nonfortified dessert wine, port, sherry or Madeira wines.
- 16 (12) Three hundred dollars per year for a multicapacity winery
- 17 or farm winery license which shall enable the holder to operate as
- 18 a retailer, wine specialty shop, supplier and direct shipper
- 19 without obtaining an individual license for each capacity.
- 20 (c) The license period shall begin on July 1 of each year and
- 21 end on June 30 of the following year and if granted for a less
- 22 period, the same shall be computed semiannually in proportion to

- 1 the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 2 (d) No retailer may be licensed as a private club as provided
- 3 by article seven of this chapter, except as provided by subsection
- 4 (k) of this section.
- 5 (e) No retailer may be licensed as a Class A retail dealer in
- 6 nonintoxicating beer as provided by article sixteen, chapter eleven
- 7 of this code: Provided, That a delicatessen, a caterer or party
- 8 supply store which is a grocery store as defined in section two of
- 9 this article and which is licensed as a Class A retail dealer in
- 10 nonintoxicating beer may be a retailer under this article:
- 11 Provided, however, That any delicatessen, caterer or party supply
- 12 store licensed in both capacities must maintain average monthly
- 13 sales exclusive of sales of wine and nonintoxicating beer which
- 14 exceed the average monthly sales of nonintoxicating beer.
- 15 (f) A wine specialty shop under this article may also hold a
- l6 wine tasting license authorizing the retailer to serve
- 17 complimentary samples of wine in moderate quantities for tasting.
- 18 Such wine specialty shop shall organize a wine taster's club, which
- 19 has at least fifty duly elected or approved dues-paying members in
- 20 good standing. Such club shall meet on the wine specialty shop's
- 21 premises not more than one time per week and shall either meet at
- 22 a time when the premises are closed to the general public, or shall

- 1 meet in a separate segregated facility on the premises to which the
- 2 general public is not admitted. Attendance at tastings shall be
- 3 limited to duly elected or approved dues-paying members and their
- 5 (g) A retailer who has more than one place of retail business
- 6 shall obtain a license for each separate retail establishment. A
- 7 retailer's license may be issued only to the proprietor or owner of
- 8 a bona fide grocery store or wine specialty shop.

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(h) The commissioner may issue a special license for the retail sale of wine at any festival or fair which is endorsed or sponsored by the governing body of a municipality or a county commission. Such special license shall be issued for a term of no longer than ten consecutive days and the fee therefor shall be \$250 regardless of the term of the license unless the applicant is the manufacturer of said wine on a winery or a farm winery as defined in section five-a, article one of this chapter, in which event the fee shall be \$50 if the event is held on the premises of the winery nor farm winery. The application for the license shall contain information as the commissioner may reasonably require and shall be submitted to the commissioner at least thirty days prior to the first day when wine is to be sold at the festival or fair. A winery or a farm winery licensed under this subsection may exhibit,

1 conduct tastings or sell samples, not to exceed a reasonable 2 serving of three ounces, and may sell wine samples for consumption 3 on the premises during the operation of a festival or fair: 4 Provided, That for licensed wineries or farm wineries at a licensed 5 festival or fair the tastings, samples and off-premises sales shall 6 occur under the hours of operation as required in this article, 7 except that on Sunday tastings, samples and off-premises sales are 8 unlawful between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. A special 9 license issued other than to a winery or a farm winery may be 10 issued to a "wine club" as defined herein below. The festival or 11 fair committee or the governing body shall designate a person to 12 organize a club under a name which includes the name of the 13 festival or fair and the words "wine club". The license shall be 14 issued in the name of the wine club. A licensee may not commence 15 the sale of wine as provided in this subsection until the wine club 16 has at least fifty dues-paying members who have been enrolled and 17 to whom membership cards have been issued. Thereafter, new members 18 may be enrolled and issued membership cards at any time during the 19 period for which the license is issued. A wine club licensed under 20 the provisions of this subsection may sell wine only to its 21 members, and in portions not to exceed eight ounces per serving. 22 The sales shall take place on premises or in an area cordoned or 1 segregated so as to be closed to the general public, and the 2 general public shall not be admitted to the premises or area. A 3 wine club licensee under the provisions of this subsection shall be 4 authorized to serve complimentary samples of wine in moderate 5 quantities for tasting.

A license issued under the provisions of this subsection and
the licensee holding the license shall be subject to all other
provisions of this article and the rules and orders of the
commissioner relating to the special license: Provided, That the
commissioner may by rule, regulation or order provide for certain
waivers or exceptions with respect to the provisions, rules,
regulations or orders as the circumstances of each festival or fair
may require, including, without limitation, the right to revoke or
suspend any license issued pursuant to this section prior to any
notice or hearing notwithstanding the provisions of section
twenty-seven and twenty-eight of this article: Provided, however,
That under no circumstances shall the provisions of subsection (c)
or (d), section twenty of this article be waived nor shall any

A license issued under the provisions of this subsection and 21 the licensee holding the license is not subject to the provisions 22 of subsection (g) of this section.

(i) (A) The commissioner may issue a special license for the 1 2 retail sale of wine in a professional baseball stadium. A license 3 to sell wine granted pursuant to this subsection entitles the 4 licensee to sell and serve wine, for consumption in a professional stadium. purpose of this 5 baseball For the subsection, 6 "professional baseball stadium" means a facility constructed 7 primarily for the use of a major or minor league baseball 8 franchisee affiliated with the National Association of Professional 9 Baseball Leagues, Inc., or its successor, and used as a major or 10 minor league baseball park. Any special license issued pursuant to 11 this subsection shall be for a term beginning on the date of 12 issuance and ending on the next following June 30, and its fee is 13 \$250 regardless of the length of the term of the license. 14 application for the special license shall contain information as 15 the commissioner may reasonably require and must be submitted to 16 the commissioner at least thirty days prior to the first day when 17 wine is to be sold at the professional baseball stadium. 18 special license may be issued in the name of the baseball 19 franchisee or the name of the primary food and beverage vendor 20 under contract with the baseball franchisee. These sales must take 21 place within the confines of the professional baseball stadium, 22 provided that the exterior of the area where wine sales may occur

- 1 are surrounded by a fence or other barrier prohibiting entry except
- 2 upon the franchisee's express permission, and under the conditions
- 3 and restrictions established by the franchisee, so that the wine
- 4 sales area is closed to free and unrestricted entry by the general
- 5 public.
- 6 (B) A license issued under this subsection and the licensee
- 7 holding the license is subject to all other provisions of this
- 8 article and the rules and orders of the commissioner relating to
- 9 the special license: Provided, That the commissioner may by rule or
- 10 order grant certain waivers or exceptions to those rules or orders
- 11 as the circumstances of each professional baseball stadium may
- 12 require, including, without limitation, the right to revoke or
- 13 suspend any license issued pursuant to this section prior to any
- 14 notice or hearing notwithstanding sections twenty-seven and
- 15 twenty-eight of this article: Provided, however, That under no
- 16 circumstances may subsection (c) or (d), section twenty of this
- 17 article be waived nor shall any exception be granted concerning
- 18 those subsections.
- 19 (C) The commissioner has the authority to propose rules for
- 20 legislative approval in accordance with article three, chapter
- 21 twenty-nine-a of this code to implement this subsection.
- 22 (j) A license to sell wine granted to a private wine bed and

1 breakfast, private wine restaurant, private wine spa or a private 2 club under the provisions of this article entitles the operator to 3 sell and serve wine, for consumption on the premises of the 4 licensee, when the sale accompanies the serving of food or a meal 5 to its members and their guests in accordance with the provisions 6 of this article: Provided, That a licensed private wine bed and 7 breakfast, private wine restaurant, private wine spa or a private 8 club may permit a person over twenty-one years of age to purchase 9 wine, consume wine and recork or reseal, using a tamper resistant 10 cork or seal, up to two separate bottles of unconsumed wine in 11 conjunction with serving of food or a meal to its members and their 12 guests in accordance with the provisions of this article and in 13 accordance with regulations promulgated by the commissioner for the 14 purpose of consumption of said wine off premises: Provided, 15 however, That for this article, food or a meal provided by the 16 private licensee means that the total food purchase, excluding 17 beverage purchases, taxes, gratuity or other fees is at least \$15: 18 Provided further, That a licensed private wine restaurant or a 19 private club may offer for sale for consumption off the premises, 20 sealed bottles of wine to its customers provided that no more than 21 one bottle is sold per each person over twenty-one years of age, as 22 verified by the private wine restaurant or private club, for

1 consumption off the premises. Such licensees are authorized to 2 keep and maintain on their premises a supply of wine in quantities 3 as may be appropriate for the conduct of operations thereof. Any 4 sale of wine so made shall be subject to all restrictions set forth 5 in section twenty of this article. A private wine restaurant may 6 also be licensed as a Class A retail dealer in nonintoxicating beer

7 as provided by article sixteen, chapter eleven of this code.

- 8 (k) With respect to subsections (h), (i), (j), (o) and (p) of 9 this section, the commissioner shall promulgate legislative rules 10 in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this 11 code with regard to the form of the applications, the suitability 12 of both the applicant and location of the licensed premises and 13 other legislative rules deemed necessary to carry the provisions of 14 the subsections into effect.
- (1) The commissioner shall promulgate legislative rules in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-nine-a of this rode to allow restaurants to serve wine with meals, and to sell wine by the bottle for off-premises consumption as provided in subsection (j) of this section. Each restaurant so licensed shall be charged an additional \$100 per year fee.
- 21 (m) The commissioner shall establish guidelines to permit 22 wines to be sold in all stores licensed for retail sales.

- 1 (n) Wineries and farm wineries may advertise off premises as 2 provided in section seven, article twenty-two, chapter seventeen of 3 this code.
- (o) A wine specialty shop under this article may also hold a 5 wine sampling license authorizing the wine specialty shop to 6 conduct special wine sampling events at a licensed wine specialty 7 shop location during regular hours of business. The wine specialty 8 shop may serve up to three complimentary samples of 9 consisting of no more than one ounce each, to any one consumer in 10 one day. Persons serving the complimentary samples must be 11 twenty-one years of age and an authorized representative of the 12 licensed wine specialty shop, winery, farm winery or 13 representative of а distributor or registered supplier. 14 Distributor and supplier representatives attending wine sampling 15 events must be registered with the commissioner. No licensee, 16 employee or representative may furnish, give or serve complimentary 17 samples of wine to any person less than twenty-one years of age or 18 to a person who is physically incapacitated due to the consumption 19 of alcoholic liquor or the use of drugs. The wine specialty shop 20 shall notify and secure permission from the commissioner for all 21 wine sampling events one month prior to the event. Wine sampling 22 events may not exceed six hours per calendar day. Licensees must

- 1 purchase all wines used during these events from a licensed farm 2 winery or a licensed distributor.
- qp) The commissioner may issue special one-day licenses to duly organized, nonprofit corporations and associations allowing the sale and serving of wine when raising money for athletic, charitable, educational or religious purposes. The license application shall contain information as the commissioner may reasonably require and shall be submitted to the commissioner at least thirty days prior to the event. Wines used during these events may be donated by or purchased from a licensed retailer, a distributor or a farm winery. Under no circumstances may the provision of subsection (c), section twenty of this article be waived nor may any exception be granted with respect thereto.
- (q) The commissioner may issue special licenses to heritage fairs and festivals allowing the sale, serving and sampling of wine from a licensed farm winery. The license application shall contain information required by the commissioner and shall be submitted to the commissioner at least thirty days prior to the event. Wines used during these events may be donated by or purchased from a licensed farm winery. Under no circumstances may the provision of subsection (c), section twenty of this article be waived nor may any exception be granted with respect thereto. The commissioner

- 1 shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with
- 2 article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code to implement the
- 3 provisions of this subsection.