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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

House Bill No. 3145

(By Delegate(s) Miley, Manchin, Ferro, Wells and Skinner)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §11-16-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to sales of nonintoxicating beer; and removing the existing maximum quantities of beer that retailers can sell for off premises consumption.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §11-16-9 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE 16. NONINTOXICATING BEER.

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## §11-16-9. Amount of license tax; Class A and Class B retail dealers; purchase and sale of nonintoxicating beer permitted; distributors; brewers; brewpubs.

1 There is levied and imposed an annual license tax upon all dealers in and of nonintoxicating beer as defined by this article, which license period begins on July 1, of each year and ends on 4 June 30 of the following year, and, if granted for a less period, it shall be computed semiannually in proportion to the remainder 6 of the fiscal year as follows:

(1) Retail dealers shall be divided into two classes, Class A and Class B. In the case of a Class A retail dealer the license fee is \$150 for each place of business; the license fee for social, 10 fraternal or private clubs not operating for profit, and having 11 been in continuous operation for two years or more immediately preceding the date of application, is \$150: Provided, That 12 railroads operating in this state may dispense nonintoxicating beer upon payment of an annual license tax of \$10 for each 14 dining, club or buffet car in which the beer is dispensed.

Class A licenses issued for railroad dining, club or buffet cars authorize the licensee to sell nonintoxicating beer at retail for consumption only on the licensed premises where sold. All 18 other Class A licenses authorize the licensee to sell nonintoxicating beer at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises.

In the case of a Class B retailer, the fee for a Class B license authorizing the sale of both chilled and unchilled beer is \$150 for each place of business. A Class B license authorizes the licensee to sell nonintoxicating beer at retail in bottles, cans or other sealed containers only, and only for consumption off the licensed premises. A Class B retailer may sell to a consumer, for personal use and not for resale, draught beer in quantities of one-eighth, one-fourth and one-half barrels in the original containers.

30 A Class B license may be issued only to the proprietor or 31 owner of a grocery store. For the purpose of this article the term 32 "grocery store" means and includes any retail establishment 33 commonly known as a grocery store or delicatessen and caterer 34 or party supply store, where food or food products are sold for 35 consumption off the premises, and means a separate and 36 segregated portion of any other retail store which is dedicated solely to the sale of food, food products and supplies for the 37 38 table for consumption off the premises. The commissioner may 39 propose for legislative approval legislative rules pursuant to chapter twenty-nine-a of this code necessary to carry this 40 41 provision into effect. Caterers or party supply stores are required 42 to purchase the appropriate licenses from the alcohol beverage 43 control administration.

- 44 (2) In the case of distributors, the license fee is \$1,000 for each place of business.
- 46 (3) In the case of a brewer with its principal place of business located in this state, the license fee is \$1,500 for each place of manufacture.
- 49 (4) In the case of a brewpub, the license fee is \$1,000 for 50 each place of manufacture.

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