

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1502  
(Representatives Mock, Becker, Blum, J. Nelson, D. Ruby)  
(Senators Klein, Poolman)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the direct sale of liquor by a domestic distillery to licensed retailers; to amend and reenact section 5-01-19 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to domestic distilleries; and to declare an emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 5-01-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**5-01-19. Domestic distillery.**

1. The tax commissioner may issue a domestic distillery license to the owner or operator of a distillery that is located within this state which uses a majority of North Dakota farm products to manufacture and sell spirits produced on the premises. A domestic distillery license may be issued and renewed for an annual fee of one hundred dollars. This fee is in lieu of all other license fees required by this title. The tax commissioner may not issue the domestic distillery license until the applicant has established that the applicant has applied for and obtained the necessary federal registrations and permits, as required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 5001 et seq.] and the federal Alcohol Administration Act [27 U.S.C. 203], for the operation of a distilled spirits plant.
2. A domestic distillery may sell spirits produced by that distillery at on sale or off sale, in retail lots, and not for resale, and may sell or direct ship its spirits to persons inside or outside the state in a manner consistent with the laws of the place of the sale or delivery in total quantities not in excess of twenty-five thousand gallons [94635 liters] in a calendar year. Direct sales within this state are limited to two and thirty-eight hundredths gallons [9 liters] or less per month per person for personal use and not for resale. The packaging must conform with the labeling requirements in section 5-01-16. A licensee may dispense free samples of the spirits offered for sale. Subject to local ordinance, sales at on sale and off sale may be made on Sundays between twelve noon and twelve midnight. A domestic distillery may hold events inside and outside its premises, but only on contiguous property under common ownership, allowing free samples of its spirits and to sell its spirits by the glass or in closed containers. The tax commissioner may issue ~~special event~~event permits for not more than ~~twenty~~forty ~~event~~event ~~days~~ per calendar year to a domestic distillery allowing the domestic distillery, subject to local ordinance, to give free samples of its product and to sell its product by the glass or in closed containers, at off-premises events. ~~To participate in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture, a domestic distillery shall obtain a special events permit from the tax commissioner. Participation by a domestic distillery in a pride of Dakota event sponsored by the department of agriculture does not count against the twenty special events limitation.~~ A domestic distillery may not engage in any wholesaling activities. ~~All~~Except as provided by section 2 of this Act, all sales and deliveries of spirits to any other retail licensed premises in this state may be made only through a licensed North Dakota liquor wholesaler. However, a domestic distillery may sell distilled spirits to a domestic winery if the distilled spirits were produced from products provided to the domestic distillery by the domestic winery. No later than the last business day of a calendar month, a farm distillery that has made sales to a North Dakota wholesaler during the preceding calendar month shall file a report with the tax commissioner reporting those sales.

3. A domestic distillery may obtain a domestic distillery license and a retailer license allowing the onpremises sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant owned by the licensee and located on property contiguous to the domestic distillery. A domestic distillery also may own or operate a winery.
4. A domestic distillery is subject to section 5-03-06 and shall report and pay annually to the tax commissioner the wholesaler taxes due on all spirits sold by the licensee at retail or to a retail licensee, including all spirits shipped directly to consumers as set forth in sections 5-03-07 and 57-39.6-02. The annual wholesaler tax reports are due January fifteenth of the year following the year sales were made. The report must provide the detail and be in a format as prescribed by the tax commissioner. The tax commissioner may require that the report be submitted in an electronic format approved by the tax commissioner.

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 5-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Direct sale by domestic distilleries.**

1. A domestic distillery that produces no more than twelve thousand proof gallons [42000 liters] of spirits per year may sell and deliver, onsite or offsite, the spirits produced by the distillery directly to licensed retailers. The distillery may sell and deliver spirits onsite to a licensed retailer that presents the retailer's license or a photocopy of the license. The distillery may deliver the spirits offsite if the distillery:
  - a. Uses the distillery's equipment, trucks, and employees to deliver the spirits;
  - b. Contracts with a licensed distributor to ship and deliver the spirits to the retailer; or
  - c. Contracts with a common carrier to ship and deliver the spirits to the retailer directly from the distillery or the distillery's warehouse.
2. The total amount of spirits each domestic distillery may sell or deliver directly to all licensed retailers may not exceed two hundred cases per year. Individual shipments delivered by common carrier may not exceed three cases a day for each licensed retailer. A case may not exceed two and thirty-eight hundredths gallons [9 liters].
3. As used in this section, "proof gallon" means a gallon [3.78 liters] of liquid at sixty degrees Fahrenheit [15.5 degrees Celsius] which contains fifty percent ethyl alcohol by volume or its equivalent.

**SECTION 3. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1502 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 91                      Nays 0                      Absent 3

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This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote:        Yeas 47                      Nays 0                      Absent 0

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Governor

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019,  
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Secretary of State