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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that under state law,  
2 direct business-to-consumer shipping of alcoholic beverages is  
3 limited to wineries shipping wine. Thus, non-winery  
4 manufacturers are prohibited from directly shipping alcoholic  
5 beverages, including beer and distilled spirits, to consumers.  
6 Direct business-to-consumer shipping will allow these  
7 manufacturers to serve existing customers while also pursuing  
8 additional markets and new customer bases. Direct  
9 business-to-consumer shipping will also assist smaller  
10 manufacturers that are struggling to find wholesalers willing to  
11 sell and represent the manufacturer's small brands by giving  
12 those manufacturers direct access to customers. In an effort to  
13 encourage commerce, the legislature has determined that the  
14 State must allow manufacturers to ship their goods to, from, and  
15 within the State.

16           Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to allow the direct  
17 shipment of beer and distilled spirits by certain licensees.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§281- Direct shipment of beer and distilled spirits by  
5 manufacturers. (a) Any person holding:

6 (1) A general excise tax license from the department of  
7 taxation; and

8 (2) Either:

9 (A) A class 1, class 14, or class 18 license to  
10 manufacture beer or distilled spirits under  
11 section 281-31; or

12 (B) A license to manufacture beer or distilled  
13 spirits issued by another state,

14 may pay any applicable fees and obtain a direct beer and  
15 distilled spirits shipper permit from the commission of the  
16 county to which the beer or distilled spirits will be shipped  
17 authorizing the holder to directly ship beer and distilled  
18 spirits to persons in the county pursuant to this section.

19 (b) Beginning July 1, 2025, the holder of the direct beer  
20 and distilled spirits shipper permit may sell and ship beer and  
21 distilled spirits to any person twenty-one years of age or older



1 in any county of this State for personal use only and not for  
2 resale, and shall:

3 (1) Ship beer and distilled spirits directly to the person  
4 only in containers that are conspicuously labeled with  
5 the words:

6 "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 YEARS  
7 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY.";

8 (2) Require that the carrier of the shipment obtain the  
9 signature of any person twenty-one years of age or  
10 older before delivering the shipment;

11 (3) Report no later than January 31 of each year, to the  
12 commission in each county in which a direct beer and  
13 distilled spirits shipment was made, the total amount  
14 of beer and distilled spirits shipped to persons in  
15 that county during the preceding calendar year;

16 (4) Pay all applicable general excise and gallonage taxes.  
17 For gallonage tax purposes, all beer and distilled  
18 spirits sold under a direct beer and distilled spirits  
19 shipper permit shall be deemed to be beer and  
20 distilled spirits sold in the State; and



1       (5) Be subject to audit by the commission of each county  
2           in which a direct beer and distilled spirits shipment  
3           has been made.

4       (c) The holder of a license to manufacture beer or  
5       distilled spirits issued by another state may annually renew a  
6       direct beer and distilled spirits shipper permit by providing to  
7       the commission that issued the permit a copy of the license and  
8       paying all required fees. The holder of a class 1, class 14, or  
9       class 18 license to manufacture beer or distilled spirits under  
10       section 281-31 may renew a direct beer and distilled spirits  
11       shipper permit concurrently with the applicable license by  
12       complying with all applicable laws and paying all required fees.

13       (d) The sale and shipment of beer and distilled spirits  
14       directly to a person in the State by a person that does not  
15       possess a valid direct beer and distilled spirits shipper permit  
16       shall be prohibited. Any person who knowingly violates this  
17       section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

18       (e) The commission in each county shall adopt rules  
19       necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this section;  
20       provided that each commission shall ensure that its respective



1 rulemaking actions do not interfere with, or unduly delay, the  
2 date prescribed in subsection (b).

3 (f) For the purposes of this section, "distilled spirits"  
4 has the same meaning as defined in section 244D-1."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Beer; Distilled Spirits; Direct Shipping; Manufacturers

**Description:**

Allows direct shipment of beer and distilled spirits by certain licensees. Requires the liquor commissions to adopt rules. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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