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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2606

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2606 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 changing Section 6-2 and by adding Sections 6-1.5 and 6-4.5 as
6 follows:

7 (235 ILCS 5/6-1.5 new)

8 Sec. 6-1.5. Three-tier regulatory system; public policy
9 and rule of statutory construction. The General Assembly hereby
10 restates that it is the policy of this State that the primary
11 purpose of this Act is to protect the health, safety, and
12 welfare of this State through the sound and careful control and
13 regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of
14 alcoholic liquor through a 3-tier regulatory system. To ensure
15 and maintain a 3-tier regulatory system, the General Assembly
16 finds that it is the obligation and duty of the State

1 Commission to construe the provisions of this Act in a manner
2 that conforms to State policy and this Act's primary purpose as
3 articulated in this Section and to exercise its statutory
4 authority in a manner consistent with that purpose whether or
5 not the provisions of this Act are unambiguous or capable of
6 one or more reasonable constructions.

7 (235 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 120)

8 Sec. 6-2. Issuance of licenses to certain persons
9 prohibited.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
11 Section and in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 3-12,
12 no license of any kind issued by the State Commission or any
13 local commission shall be issued to:

14 (1) A person who is not a resident of any city, village
15 or county in which the premises covered by the license are
16 located; except in case of railroad or boat licenses.

17 (2) A person who is not of good character and
18 reputation in the community in which he resides.

19 (3) A person who is not a citizen of the United States.

20 (4) A person who has been convicted of a felony under
21 any Federal or State law, unless the Commission determines
22 that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to
23 warrant the public trust after considering matters set
24 forth in such person's application and the Commission's
25 investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient

1 rehabilitation shall be on the applicant.

2 (5) A person who has been convicted of keeping a place
3 of prostitution or keeping a place of juvenile
4 prostitution, promoting prostitution that involves keeping
5 a place of prostitution, or promoting juvenile
6 prostitution that involves keeping a place of juvenile
7 prostitution.

8 (6) A person who has been convicted of pandering or
9 other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency and morality.

10 (7) A person whose license issued under this Act has
11 been revoked for cause.

12 (8) A person who at the time of application for renewal
13 of any license issued hereunder would not be eligible for
14 such license upon a first application.

15 (9) A copartnership, if any general partnership
16 thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more
17 than 5% of the aggregate limited partner interest in such
18 copartnership would not be eligible to receive a license
19 hereunder for any reason other than residence within the
20 political subdivision, unless residency is required by
21 local ordinance.

22 (10) A corporation or limited liability company, if any
23 member, officer, manager or director thereof, or any
24 stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more
25 than 5% of the stock of such corporation, would not be
26 eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason

1 other than citizenship and residence within the political
2 subdivision.

3 (10a) A corporation or limited liability company
4 unless it is incorporated or organized in Illinois, or
5 unless it is a foreign corporation or foreign limited
6 liability company which is qualified under the Business
7 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company
8 Act to transact business in Illinois. The Commission shall
9 permit and accept from an applicant for a license under
10 this Act proof prepared from the Secretary of State's
11 website that the corporation or limited liability company
12 is in good standing and is qualified under the Business
13 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company
14 Act to transact business in Illinois.

15 (11) A person whose place of business is conducted by a
16 manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the
17 same qualifications required by the licensee.

18 (12) A person who has been convicted of a violation of
19 any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture,
20 possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, subsequent to the
21 passage of this Act or has forfeited his bond to appear in
22 court to answer charges for any such violation.

23 (13) A person who does not beneficially own the
24 premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a
25 lease thereon for the full period for which the license is
26 to be issued.

1 (14) Any law enforcing public official, including
2 members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor,
3 alderman, or member of the city council or commission, any
4 president of the village board of trustees, any member of a
5 village board of trustees, or any president or member of a
6 county board; and no such official shall have a direct
7 interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of
8 alcoholic liquor, except that a license may be granted to
9 such official in relation to premises that are not located
10 within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that
11 official if the issuance of such license is approved by the
12 State Liquor Control Commission and except that a license
13 may be granted, in a city or village with a population of
14 50,000 or less, to any alderman, member of a city council,
15 or member of a village board of trustees in relation to
16 premises that are located within the territory subject to
17 the jurisdiction of that official if (i) the sale of
18 alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is incidental to
19 the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the license is
20 approved by the State Commission, (iii) the issuance of the
21 license is in accordance with all applicable local
22 ordinances in effect where the premises are located, and
23 (iv) the official granted a license does not vote on
24 alcoholic liquor issues pending before the board or council
25 to which the license holder is elected. Notwithstanding any
26 provision of this paragraph (14) to the contrary, an

1 alderman or member of a city council or commission, a
2 member of a village board of trustees other than the
3 president of the village board of trustees, or a member of
4 a county board other than the president of a county board
5 may have a direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or
6 distribution of alcoholic liquor as long as he or she is
7 not a law enforcing public official, a mayor, a village
8 board president, or president of a county board. To prevent
9 any conflict of interest, the elected official with the
10 direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution
11 of alcoholic liquor shall not participate in any meetings,
12 hearings, or decisions on matters impacting the
13 manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor.
14 Furthermore, the mayor of a city with a population of
15 50,000 or less or the president of a village with a
16 population of 50,000 or less may have an interest in the
17 manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor as
18 long as the council or board over which he or she presides
19 has made a local liquor control commissioner appointment
20 that complies with the requirements of Section 4-2 of this
21 Act.

22 (15) A person who is not a beneficial owner of the
23 business to be operated by the licensee.

24 (16) A person who has been convicted of a gambling
25 offense as proscribed by any of subsections (a) (3) through
26 (a) (11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section

1 28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
2 Criminal Code of 2012, or as proscribed by a statute
3 replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions.

4 (17) A person or entity to whom a federal wagering
5 stamp has been issued by the federal government, unless the
6 person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under
7 the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games
8 Act.

9 (18) A person who intends to sell alcoholic liquors for
10 use or consumption on his or her licensed retail premises
11 who does not have liquor liability insurance coverage for
12 that premises in an amount that is at least equal to the
13 maximum liability amounts set out in subsection (a) of
14 Section 6-21.

15 (19) A person who is licensed by any licensing
16 authority as a manufacturer of beer, or any partnership,
17 corporation, subsidiary, limited liability company, trust,
18 agent, affiliate, or any other form of business enterprise
19 licensed as a manufacturer of beer, having any legal,
20 equitable, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly,
21 in a person licensed in this State as a distributor or
22 importing distributor. For purposes of this paragraph
23 (19), "manufacturer of beer" shall also mean a brewer and a
24 non-resident dealer who is also a manufacturer of beer,
25 including a partnership, corporation, limited liability
26 company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent

1 thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed
2 as a manufacturer of beer.

3 (20) A person who is licensed in this State as a
4 distributor or importing distributor, or any partnership,
5 corporation, limited liability company, or trust or any
6 subsidiary, affiliate, or agent thereof, or any other form
7 of business enterprise licensed in this State as a
8 distributor or importing distributor having any legal,
9 equitable, or beneficial interest, directly or indirectly,
10 in a person licensed as a manufacturer of beer by any
11 licensing authority, or any partnership, corporation,
12 subsidiary, limited liability company, trust, agent, or
13 affiliate, or any other form of business enterprise
14 thereof, except for a person who owns, on or after the
15 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
16 Assembly, no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
17 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
18 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act
19 of 1934. For the purposes of this paragraph (20),
20 "manufacturer of beer" shall also mean a brewer and a
21 non-resident dealer who is also a manufacturer of beer,
22 including a partnership, corporation, limited liability
23 company, or trust or any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent
24 thereof, or any other form of business enterprise licensed
25 as a manufacturer of beer.

26 (b) A criminal conviction of a corporation is not grounds

1 for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license applied
2 for or held by the corporation if the criminal conviction was
3 not the result of a violation of any federal or State law
4 concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic
5 liquor, the offense that led to the conviction did not result
6 in any financial gain to the corporation and the corporation
7 has terminated its relationship with each director, officer,
8 employee, or controlling shareholder whose actions directly
9 contributed to the conviction of the corporation. The
10 Commission shall determine if all provisions of this subsection
11 (b) have been met before any action on the corporation's
12 license is initiated.

13 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; 97-1059, eff. 8-24-12;
14 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

15 (235 ILCS 5/6-4.5 new)

16 Sec. 6-4.5. Prohibited ownership interests in a
17 distributor, importing distributor, manufacturer of beer, or
18 non-resident dealer.

19 (a) The General Assembly finds, consistent with Section
20 6-1.5, that the 3-tier regulatory system is designed to prevent
21 a manufacturer of beer as described in paragraph (19) of
22 subsection (a) of Section 6-2 from exercising vertical
23 integration between a manufacturer of beer and a distributor or
24 importing distributor through any ownership interest, or
25 through control of the distributor or importing distributor.

1 The General Assembly further finds, consistent with Section
2 6-1.5, that the 3-tier regulatory system is designed to prevent
3 a distributor or importing distributor as described in
4 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 from having any
5 ownership interest in a manufacturer of beer as described in
6 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 except for the
7 ownership of no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
8 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
9 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of
10 1934. The General Assembly further finds that it is necessary
11 to have the State Commission undertake an expedited
12 investigation, in accordance with procedural due process, to
13 determine whether any existing manufacturer of beer described
14 in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 or any
15 existing distributor or importing distributor described in
16 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 owns a
17 prohibited ownership interest, and an orderly process by which
18 an existing manufacturer of beer, distributor, or importing
19 distributor may divest itself of or sever the prohibited
20 ownership interest by no later than January 1, 2015.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the
22 contrary, no person licensed as a manufacturer of beer as
23 described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2
24 shall have any prohibited ownership interest, directly or
25 indirectly, in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
26 distributor. Any person who holds a prohibited ownership

1 interest in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
2 distributor prior to this amendatory Act of the 98th General
3 Assembly shall, in accordance with paragraph (19) of subsection
4 (a) of Section 6-2, be ineligible to receive or hold any
5 license issued by the State Commission, unless that person
6 complies with the provisions of this Section.

7 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the
8 contrary, no person licensed in this State as a distributor or
9 importing distributor as described in paragraph (20) of
10 subsection (a) of Section 6-2 shall have any prohibited
11 ownership interest, directly or indirectly, in a person
12 licensed as a manufacturer of beer as described in paragraph
13 (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2. Any person who holds an
14 interest in a person licensed as a distributor or importing
15 distributor in this State prior to this amendatory Act of the
16 98th General Assembly shall, in accordance with paragraph (20)
17 of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, be ineligible to receive or
18 hold a license by the State Commission, unless the person
19 complies with the provisions of this Section. This subsection
20 (c) shall not apply to a person who owns, on or after the
21 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
22 Assembly, no more than 5% of the outstanding shares of a
23 manufacturer of beer whose shares are publicly traded on an
24 exchange within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of
25 1934.

26 (d) Within 30 days after the effective date of this

1 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the State
2 Commission shall notify in writing all persons licensed by the
3 State Commission as a manufacturer of beer, as described in
4 paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 of the
5 prohibited ownership interest provision set forth in
6 subsection (b) of this Section and paragraph (19) of subsection
7 (a) of Section 6-2. Also within 30 days after the effective
8 date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the
9 State Commission shall notify in writing all persons licensed
10 by the State Commission as a distributor or importing
11 distributor of the prohibited ownership interest provision set
12 forth in subsection (c) of this Section and paragraph (20) of
13 subsection (a) of Section 6-2. The notice provided by the State
14 Commission shall also state for a manufacturer of beer, as
15 described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2,
16 that it is required to disclose in writing any ownership
17 interest it directly or indirectly possesses in a distributor
18 or importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
19 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, the type and amount of ownership
20 interest possessed by it, the length of time the manufacturer
21 of beer has held the ownership interest in the distributor or
22 importing distributor, and any other information specified by
23 the State Commission in its written notice. The notice provided
24 by the State Commission shall also state for a distributor or
25 importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
26 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, that it is required to disclose

1 in writing any ownership interest it directly or indirectly
2 possesses in a manufacturer of beer, as described in paragraph
3 (19) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, the type and amount of
4 ownership interest possessed by it, the length of time the
5 manufacturer of beer has held the ownership interest in the
6 distributor or importing distributor, and any other
7 information specified by the State Commission in its written
8 notice.

9 (e) Within 60 days after the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, each manufacturer
11 of beer, distributor, or importing distributor subject to
12 notification under subsection (d) of this Section shall
13 disclose in writing and under oath the relevant ownership
14 interest and other required information specified in the
15 notification provided by the State Commission pursuant to that
16 subsection. The written disclosure shall, as a mandatory
17 obligation, be tendered to the State Commission by either
18 personal service or via certified or registered mail at the
19 State Commission's Springfield or Chicago office on or before
20 the 60th day during regular business hours. Failure to tender
21 the required written disclosure shall result in the immediate
22 entry of an order by the State Commission suspending the
23 licensee's license within 5 days after the 60th day, and the
24 initiation of proceedings by the State Commission to enter an
25 order to permanently revoke the licensee's license no later
26 than 45 days after providing the licensee with notice and an

1 opportunity for a hearing. Whenever the State Commission has
2 reason to believe that a person has failed to comply with the
3 Commission notice under this Section, it shall notify the
4 Department of Revenue and the Attorney General, and shall file
5 a complaint with the State's Attorney of the county where the
6 alcoholic liquor was delivered or with appropriate law
7 enforcement officials. Failure to make the written disclosure
8 required under this subsection shall constitute a business
9 offense for which the person shall be fined not more than
10 \$5,000 for a first offense, not more than \$10,000 for a second
11 offense, and not more than \$15,000 for a third or subsequent
12 offense.

13 (f) Within 120 days after the effective date of this
14 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, the State
15 Commission shall review each of the disclosures tendered to the
16 State Commission by licensees pursuant to subsection (e) and
17 enter an order determining whether or not each licensee is in
18 compliance with subsection (b) or (c) of this Section,
19 whichever is applicable, after providing each licensee with
20 notice and an opportunity for a hearing. As part of making its
21 determination, the State Commission shall also consider any
22 information otherwise admissible under Section 10-40 of the
23 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.

24 (g) If the State Commission determines, based on a
25 preponderance of record evidence, that a manufacturer of beer,
26 distributor, or importing distributor has no prohibited

1 ownership interest in a licensee in violation of subsection (b)
2 or (c) of this Section, then the State Commission shall enter
3 an order finding that the manufacturer of beer, distributor, or
4 importing distributor is in compliance with this Section,
5 record the matter as closed, and serve a copy of the order of
6 compliance on the licensee and each person with an ownership
7 interest in the licensee.

8 If the State Commission determines, based on a
9 preponderance of record evidence, that a manufacturer of beer,
10 as described in paragraph (19) of subsection (a) of Section
11 6-2, has a prohibited ownership interest as set forth in
12 subsection (b) of this Section, then the State Commission shall
13 enter an order finding that the manufacturer of beer is not in
14 compliance with this Section and that the manufacturer of beer
15 shall divest itself of that interest on or before January 1,
16 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of the
17 successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's authority
18 provided in this Act. In addition, the State Commission shall
19 find that the relevant distributor or importing distributor is
20 not in compliance with this Section and that the distributor or
21 importing distributor is required to sever the prohibited
22 ownership interest possessed by the relevant manufacturer of
23 beer on or before January 1, 2015, subject to the State
24 Commission's approval of the successive owner pursuant to the
25 State Commission's authority provided in this Act.

26 If the State Commission determines, based on a

1 preponderance of record evidence, that a distributor or
2 importing distributor, as described in paragraph (20) of
3 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, has a prohibited ownership
4 interest as set forth in subsection (c) of this Section, then
5 the State Commission shall enter an order finding that the
6 relevant distributor or importing distributor is not in
7 compliance with this Section and that the relevant distributor
8 or importing distributor shall divest itself of that interest
9 on or before January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's
10 approval of the successive owner pursuant to the State
11 Commission's authority provided in this Act. In addition, the
12 State Commission shall find that the manufacturer of beer is
13 not in compliance with this Section and that the manufacturer
14 of beer shall sever the prohibited ownership interest possessed
15 by the distributor or importing distributor on or before
16 January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of
17 the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
18 authority provided in this Act.

19 The State Commission's order shall further find that the
20 continued ownership of the prohibited ownership interest
21 beyond January 1, 2015 by the manufacturer of beer,
22 distributor, or importing distributor is against the public
23 interest and a violation of this Section and Section 6-1.5 of
24 the Act.

25 The State Commission's order shall further find for a
26 manufacturer of beer, as described in paragraph (19) of

1 subsection (a) of Section 6-2, found in non-compliance with
2 subsection (b) of this Section that its license is revoked on
3 January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or sale of any
4 alcoholic liquor to the relevant distributor or importing
5 distributor that the manufacturer of beer has a prohibited
6 ownership interest in if that interest is not properly divested
7 on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval
8 of the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
9 authority provided in this Act. In addition, the State
10 Commission shall find that the license of a distributor or
11 importing distributor that is subject to the prohibited
12 ownership interest of the manufacturer of beer is revoked on
13 January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or sale of
14 alcoholic liquor from the relevant manufacturer of beer to any
15 retailer if that ownership interest is not properly severed on
16 January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval of
17 the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
18 authority provided in this Act.

19 The State Commission's order shall further find for a
20 distributor or importing distributor, as described in
21 paragraph (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2, found in
22 non-compliance with subsection (c) of this Section, that its
23 license is revoked on January 16, 2015 as to the transport,
24 transfer, or sale of any alcoholic liquor from the relevant
25 manufacturer of beer to any retailer if that prohibited
26 ownership interest in the manufacturer of beer is not properly

1 divested on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's
2 approval of the successive owner pursuant to the State
3 Commission's authority provided in this Act. In addition, the
4 State Commission shall find that the license of the
5 manufacturer of beer that is subject to the prohibited
6 ownership interest of a distributor or importing distributor is
7 revoked on January 16, 2015 as to the transport, transfer, or
8 sale of alcoholic liquor to the distributor or importing
9 distributor if that ownership interest is not properly severed
10 on January 1, 2015, subject to the State Commission's approval
11 of the successive owner pursuant to the State Commission's
12 authority provided in this Act.

13 The State Commission shall serve a copy of the order of
14 non-compliance on the licensee and each person with an
15 ownership interest in the licensee.

16 (h) If a person with a prohibited ownership interest in a
17 licensee under subsection (b) or (c) of this Section succeeds
18 in divesting itself of or severing that interest and obtains
19 the State Commission's approval of the successive owner
20 pursuant to its authority provided in this Act on or before
21 January 1, 2015, then the State Commission shall enter an order
22 finding that the licensee is in compliance, record the matter
23 as closed, and serve a copy of the order of compliance on the
24 licensee and each person with an ownership interest in the
25 licensee.

26 If a person with a prohibited ownership interest in

1 violation of subsection (b) or (c) of this Section fails to
2 divest itself of or sever that interest and obtain the State
3 Commission's approval of the successive owner pursuant to the
4 State Commission's authority provided in this Act on or before
5 January 1, 2015, then the State Commission shall, after notice
6 and an opportunity for a hearing, revoke each licensee's
7 license as specified in subsection (g) of this Section on
8 January 16, 2015. The State Commission, when entering the
9 order, shall give notice to the person by certified mail to
10 cease and desist all shipments of alcoholic liquor into or
11 within this State and to withdraw from this State within 5
12 working days after receipt of the notice all shipments of
13 alcoholic liquor in transit. Whenever the State Commission has
14 reason to believe that a person has failed to comply with the
15 State Commission's notice under this Section, it shall notify
16 the Department of Revenue and the Attorney General, and shall
17 file a complaint with the State's Attorney of the county where
18 the alcoholic liquor was delivered, or with appropriate law
19 enforcement officials. Failure to comply with the notice issued
20 by the State Commission under this Section is against the
21 public interest and constitutes a business offense for which
22 the person shall be fined not more than \$5,000 for a first
23 offense, not more than \$10,000 for a second offense, and not
24 more than \$15,000 for a third or subsequent offense. Each
25 shipment or transfer of alcoholic liquor in violation of the
26 cease and desist notice shall constitute a separate offense.

1 (i) The power and authority granted to the State Commission
2 under this Section is in addition to any existing power or
3 authority the State Commission has under this Act and its
4 exercise shall be accorded precedence on the State Commission's
5 meeting agenda so as to fully accommodate the schedule for any
6 proceeding under the provisions of this Section. Nothing in
7 this Act shall be construed as limiting or otherwise impairing
8 the ability of the State Commission to conduct future
9 investigations and proceedings sua sponte or pursuant to a
10 complaint to ensure compliance with this Section or paragraph
11 (19) or (20) of subsection (a) of Section 6-2 of this Act. Any
12 future investigations and proceedings shall be conducted by the
13 State Commission on an expedited basis and pursuant to an
14 initiating order entered by the State Commission. The State
15 Commission shall enter its initiating order within 30 days
16 after the receipt of a complaint. The initiating order shall
17 set forth a schedule by which the required notices,
18 disclosures, determinations, or orders specified in
19 subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) shall be made or
20 entered, and the period of time by which a licensee shall
21 divest itself of or sever a prohibited ownership interest,
22 which shall be no later than 540 days after the entry of the
23 initiating order.

24 (j) Any association or non-profit corporation representing
25 beer distributors in this State shall have standing to
26 intervene and otherwise participate as a party in any

1 proceeding undertaken by the State Commission under this
2 Section to review and determine compliance or non-compliance
3 with this Section.

4 (k) For purposes of this Section, the term "ownership
5 interest" means a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest
6 recognized under Illinois law. The term "prohibited ownership
7 interest" means an ownership interest in a distributor,
8 importing distributor, or manufacturer of beer as specified in
9 this Section.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law."