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House Bill No. 43

(By Mr. Beacom)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections ninety-three, ninety-three—

(a) and ninety-five, chapter twenty of the acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, relating to the issuance of licenses to manufacturers, brewers, distributors, package dealers and dispensers of nonintoxicating beer, reports to be made to the tax commissioner and payment of license taxes and the raising of revenues therefrom.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections ninety-three, ninety-three-(a) and ninety-five, chapter twenty of the acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

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Section 93. There is hereby levied and imposed upon pack-2 age dealers, as herein defined, an annual license tax of fifty 3 dollars, and upon dispensers, as herein defined, an annual 4 license tax of one hundred dollars. There is hereby levied 5 and imposed upon manufacturers or brewers, as herein de-6 fined, manufacturing nonintoxicating beer within this state, 7 an initial license tax of five hundred dollars per year, and 8 whether such nonintoxicating beer be kept or sold in barrels 9 or other containers, an additional tax of one dollar on each 10 barrel of thirty-one gallons, and in like ratio on each part bar-11 rel so manufactured in this state. There is hereby levied and 12 imposed upon distributors, as herein defined, an initial license 13 tax of two hundred fifty dollars per year, and an additional tax 14 of one dollar on each barrel, and in like ratio on each part 15 barrel of nonintoxicating beer, whether distributed in barrels 16 or other containers, so distributed in this state: Provided, how-17 ever, That the barrel tax herein levied shall, as to nonintoxicat-18 ing beer made in West Virginia, be paid by the manufacturer 19 or brewer, and the barrel tax on nonintoxicating beer made 20 outside of West Virginia shall be paid by the original con-21 signee thereof within this state, who shall be deemed the dis-

22 tributor for the purposes of this act, and required to take out 23 a license as such, and the issuance of such distributor's license 24 shall operate as a forfeiture of any package dealer's or dis-25 penser's license held by him; and no nonintoxicating beer 26 manufactured, sold or distributed in West Virginia shall be 27 subject to more than one barrel tax. 28 Each such package dealer, dispenser, manufacturer or brewer 29 and distributor being engaged in the business of selling, de-

30 livering or otherwise distributing nonintoxicating beer, and 31 having more than one place of business within the state of 32 West Virginia, shall pay the full amount of the initial tax 33 hereby imposed for each such place of business: Provided, 34 further, That any social, fraternal or business clubs not oper-35 ating for profit, and having been in continuous operation for 36 five years or more prior to the enactment of this law, shall 37 pay an annual license tax of fifty dollars, as a dispenser 38 hereunder: And provided further, That railroads operating 39 in this state may dispense nonintoxicating beer upon pay-40 ment of an annual license tax of ten dollars for each dining, 41 club or buffet car in which it is dispensed.

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Sec. 93-(a). No person, firm or corporation having an 2 interest in the manufacture or wholesale distribution of non-3 intoxicating beer shall be permitted, either directly or indi-4 reetly, to be connected with, or have an interest in the sale or 5 dispensing of nonintoxicating beer, either under a package 6 dealer or a dispenser's license, or any interest, whatsoever, in 7 any equipment used in connection with the sale or dispensing 8 of nonintoxicating beer.

Sec. 95. All lidenses under this act for manufacturers, 2 brewers, distributors, package dealers and dispensers shall be 3 issued by the tax commissioner upon the filing of the applica-4 tion herein required except that such tax commissioner shall 5 not be required to renew the licenses of any such manufacturer, brewer, distributor, package dealer or dispenser who 7 shall have failed and refused to comply with any of the pro-8 visions of this act, or any lawful regulation of the tax commissioner with relation to such business, during the time when 10 any such applicant shall have operated under any license 11 theretofore issued to him.

12 Every such package dealer or dispenser, on or before the 13 first day of July of any year, shall make out and deliver to the

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14 state tax commissioner, on the blank to be furnished by the 15 commissioner for that purpose, a statement showing the name 16 of such package dealer or dispenser, a brief and accurate de-17 scription of the place or places where his business as such 18 package dealer or dispenser is conducted and by whom owned. 19 Such statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary 20 public or other officer empowered to administer oath.

Every manufacturer, brewer and distributor applying for 21 22 license under this act shall, in addition to furnishing the in-23 formation required in the last preceding section, furnish a 24 bond in some solvent surety company to be approved by the tax 25 commissioner, payable to the state of West Virginia, in the 26 minimum amount of one thousand dollars, and, within the dis-27 cretion of the tax commissioner, in the maximum amount of 28 ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the payment of any and all additional taxes accruing during the period of such license. 30 In lieu of such bond, a manufacturer, brewer or distributor may 31 deposit securities of the United States of America, the state of 32 West Virginia, or any subdivision thereof, to be approved by 33 the tax commissioner, in such amount as he may prescribe, 34 for which security the tax commissioner shall execute a re35 ceipt showing the purpose for which the same were deposited, 36 and which security shall be kept in the joint custody of the 37 state treasurer and the state tax commissioner and may be 38 sold by the state tax commissioner if it becomes necessary so 39 to do, in order to recover any sums due from such manufac-40 turer, brewer or distributor pursuant to this article; but no such 41 sale shall be had until after such manufacturer, brewer and dis-42 tributor shall have had an opportunity to litigate the validity of 43 any tax, if he elects so to do. In any such sale, a surplus, if any, 44 above the sum due under this article, shall be returned to such 45 manufacturer, brewer or distributor. Such sale shall be made by 46 the state tax commissioner at his office in the state capitol and 47 shall not be made until at least ten days' notice thereof shall 48 have been mailed by registered letter to the manufacturer. 49 brewer or distributor at the place of business named in his 50 license. And the state tax commissioner may give such other 51 notice of such sale as he may deem necessary.

On or before the tenth day of each calendar month during

53 the license period, every such manufacturer, brewer or dis-

54-64 tributor shall make a report in writing under oath to the tax

65 commissioner, in such form as may be required by the tax com-

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66 missioner, showing the number of barrels of nonintoxicating

67 beer manufactured or distributed by such manufacturer,

68 brewer or distributor for the preceding calendar month, or part

69 thereof during which such manufacturer, brewer or distribu-

70 tor was engaged in business, and at the same time pay the tax

71 thereon levied by this act.

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