

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 SB0392

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Sen. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

235 ILCS 5/6-9

from Ch. 43, par. 126

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. In a Section involving trade mark registration, provides that prior to amending or withdrawing such registration, each manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer who owns or controls the trade mark, brand name, or name of any alcoholic liquor shall, at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the registration amendment or withdrawal, notify each person to whom such manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer previously granted the right to sell at wholesale, specifying the particular trade mark, brand, or name of alcoholic liquor as to which such right is amended or withdrawn and the geographical area or areas for which such right is amended or withdrawn to such person. At the written request of all affected parties, the 30 day notification requirement may be waived by the Liquor Control Commission. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by changing Section 6-9 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-9) (from Ch. 43, par. 126)

Sec. 6-9. Registration of trade marks; sale within geographical area; delivery to authorized persons. Legislature hereby finds and declares that for purposes of ensuring the preservation and enhancement of interbrand competition in the alcoholic liquor industry within the State, ensuring that importation and distribution of alcoholic liquor in the State will be subject to thorough and inexpensive monitoring by the State, reducing the importation of illicit or untaxed alcoholic liquor into the State, excluding misbranded alcoholic liquor products from the State, providing incentives to distributors to service and sell to larger numbers of retail licensees in the geographic area where such distributors are engaged in business, and reducing the amount of spoiled and overaged alcoholic liquor products sold to consumers, it is necessary to restrict the purchase of alcoholic liquors at wholesale in the State to those persons selected by the manufacturer, distributor, importing distributor or foreign

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importer who owns or controls the trade mark, brand or name of the alcoholic liquor products sold to such persons, and to restrict the geographic area or areas within which such persons sell such alcoholic liquor at wholesale, as provided in this Section.

Each manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer who owns or controls the trade mark, brand or name of any alcoholic liquor shall register with the State Commission, in the Chicago office, on or before the effective date, the name of each person to whom such manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer grants the right to sell at wholesale in this State any such alcoholic liquor, specifying the particular trade mark, brand or name of alcoholic liquor as to which such right is granted, the geographical area or areas for which such right is granted and the period of time for such rights are granted to such person. which manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor or importing distributor, or foreign importer who is required to register under this Section must furnish a copy of the registration statement at the time of appointment to the person who has been granted the right to sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale. However, if a person who has been appointed the right to sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale does not receive a copy of the registration statement as required under this Section, such person may file a registration statement with the State

- 1 Commission, provided that the person furnishes a copy of that
- 2 registration statement to the manufacturer, non-resident
- 3 dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign
- 4 importer within 30 days of filing the registration statement.
- 5 The registration statement shall state:
- 6 (1) the name of the person appointed;
- 7 (2) the name of the manufacturer, non-resident dealer,
- 8 distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer from
- 9 whom the person received the right to sell alcoholic liquor;
- 10 (3) the particular trade mark, brand, or name of alcoholic
- liquor as to which the right to sell at wholesale is granted;
- 12 and
- 13 (4) the geographical areas for which the right to sell at
- 14 wholesale is granted.
- Such manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor,
- importing distributor, or foreign importer may grant the right
- 17 to sell at wholesale any trade mark, brand or name of any
- 18 alcoholic liquor in any geographical area to more than one
- 19 person. If the registration is received after the effective
- 20 date, the Commission shall treat the date the registration was
- 21 received in the Chicago office as the effective date. Such
- 22 registration shall be made on a form prescribed by the State
- 23 Commission and the State Commission may require such
- registration to be on a form provided by it.
- No such registration shall be made in any other manner than
- 26 as is provided in this Section and only those persons

registered by the manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor or foreign importer, shall have the right to sell at wholesale in this State, the brand of

alcoholic liquor specified on the registration form.

Prior to amending or withdrawing such registration, each manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer who owns or controls the trade mark, brand name, or name of any alcoholic liquor shall, at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the registration amendment or withdrawal, notify each person to whom such manufacturer, non-resident dealer, distributor, importing distributor, or foreign importer previously granted the right to sell at wholesale, specifying the particular trade mark, brand, or name of alcoholic liquor as to which such right is amended or withdrawn and the geographical area or areas for which such right is amended or withdrawn to such person. At the written request of all affected parties, the 30 day notification requirement may be waived by the Commission.

However, a licensed Illinois distributor who has not been registered to sell a brand of alcoholic liquor, but for a period of 2 years prior to November 8, 1979 has been engaged in the purchase of a brand for resale from a licensed Illinois distributor who has the right to sell that brand at wholesale, may continue to purchase and resell the brand at wholesale, and may purchase from the same distributor and resell at wholesale any new brands of the same manufacturer, provided that:

- (1) Within 60 days after November 8, 1979 he identifies the brand which he so purchased to the State Commission and the Commission within 30 days thereafter verifies that the purchases have occurred;
- (2) Thereafter, he notifies the State Commission in writing of any brands of the same manufacturer which he wishes to purchase from the same distributor that were not available for distribution on or before November 8, 1979, and that the Commission within 30 days of such notification verifies that the brand is a new brand of the same manufacturer, and that the same licensed Illinois distributor has the right to sell the new brand at wholesale;
- (3) His licensed business address is within the geographical area for which the licensed Illinois distributor from whom the purchases are made has the right to sell said brand or brands of alcoholic liquor; and
- (4) His sales are made within the geographical area for which the licensed Illinois distributor from whom the purchases are made has the right to sell the brand or brands of alcoholic liquor and only to retail licensees whose licensed premises are located within the aforementioned geographical area.

No person to whom such right is granted shall sell at wholesale in this State any alcoholic liquor bearing such trade mark, brand or name outside of the geographical area for which

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such person holds such selling right, as registered with the 1 2 State Commission, nor shall he sell such alcoholic liquor within such geographical area to a retail licensee if the 3 premises specified in such retailer's license are located 4 5 such geographical area. Any licensed 6 distributor who has not been granted the right to sell any 7 alcoholic liquor at wholesale and is purchasing alcoholic 8 liquor from a person who has been granted the right to sell at 9 wholesale may sell and deliver only to retail licensees whose 10 licensed premises are within the same geographical area as the 11 person who has been granted the right to sell at wholesale.

No manufacturer, importing distributor, distributor, non-resident dealer, or foreign importer shall sell or deliver any package containing alcoholic liquor manufactured or distributed by him for resale, unless the person to whom such package is sold or delivered is authorized to receive such package in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 92-105, eff. 1-1-02.)

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 20 becoming law.