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A BILL

To amend sections 4301.24 and 4301.62 and to enact 1
section 4301.201 of the Revised Code to exempt 2
homebrewers of beer or home fermenters of wine 3
from specified liquor control laws. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4301.24 and 4301.62 be amended 5
and section 4301.201 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 6
follows: 7

Sec. 4301.201. (A) As used in this section: 8

(1) "Event" means a demonstration or competition at which 9
tasting samples of homemade beer or wine are served. 10

(2) "Fraternal organization" means any society, order, or 11
association within this state, except a college or high school 12
fraternity, to which all of the following apply: 13

(a) It is not organized for profit. 14

(b) It is a branch, lodge, or chapter of a national or 15
state organization. 16

(c) It exists exclusively for the common business or 17

sodality of its members. 18

(3) "Homebrewer" means a person who brews or ferments
homemade beer or wine. 19
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(4) "Homemade beer or wine" means beer that is brewed or
wine that is fermented by an individual's own efforts and not
for commercial purposes. 21
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(5) "Sell" does not include giving away homemade beer or
wine free of charge. 24
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(6) "Tasting sample" means an amount of beer or wine not
to exceed two ounces. 26
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(B) A homebrewer may brew or ferment homemade beer or wine
without a permit issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code
if all of the following apply: 28
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(1) The homebrewer does not sell homemade beer or wine or
offer homemade beer or wine for sale. 31
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(2) The homebrewer does not receive compensation for
participating in any event. Both of the following are not
considered compensation: 33
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(a) Any prize that is cash or a cash equivalent awarded at
an event; 36
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(b) A free or discounted admission to an event. 38

(3) The homebrewer annually brews or ferments homemade
beer or wine in either of the following amounts: 39
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(a) Not more than one hundred gallons if the homebrewer's
household has only one person who is twenty-one years of age or
older; or 41
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(b) Not more than two hundred gallons if the homebrewer's 44

household has two or more persons who are twenty-one years of 45
age or older. 46

(C) A homebrewer may serve homemade beer or wine the 47
homebrewer brews or ferments without a permit issued under 48
Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code as follows: 49

(1) To the homebrewer's family, neighbors, and friends on 50
private property. 51

(2) At an event, if the event is held on private property, 52
the premises of a fraternal organization, or on the premises for 53
which an A-1c, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, or D-4 permit is issued. 54

(D) A homebrewer or the homebrewer's designated 55
representative may transport homemade beer or wine brewed or 56
fermented by the homebrewer without a permit issued under 57
Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code. 58

(E) A person may conduct, sponsor, or host an event if the 59
person: 60

(1) Is a homebrewer or fraternal organization that does 61
not hold a permit issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code 62
and conducts, sponsors, or hosts the event on private property 63
or the premises of a fraternal organization; or 64

(2) Holds an A-1c, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, or D-4 permit and the 65
person conducts, sponsors, or hosts the event on the permitted 66
premises. 67

(F) A person described under division (E) of this section 68
who is hosting an event shall not do any of the following: 69

(1) Sell any homemade beer or wine. 70

(2) Unless the person is the homebrewer of the homemade 71

beer or wine, acquire an ownership interest in any homemade beer 72
or wine served at the event. 73

(3) Charge a fee for the consumption of the homemade beer 74
or wine at the event. Division (F) (3) of this section does not 75
apply to a registration fee charged to attend an event. 76

(4) If the person is a permit holder and conducts, 77
sponsors, or hosts the event on the permit holder's permitted 78
premises, fail to store the homemade beer or wine on the 79
premises so that it is clearly identified and kept separate from 80
any beer or intoxicating liquor that is intended for sale by the 81
permit holder under the authority of the applicable permit. 82

Sec. 4301.24. (A) Except as provided in sections 4301.242 83
and 4301.246 of the Revised Code, no manufacturer shall aid or 84
assist the holder of any permit for sale at wholesale, and no 85
manufacturer or wholesale distributor shall aid or assist the 86
holder of any permit for sale at retail, by gift or loan of any 87
money or property of any description or other valuable thing, or 88
by giving premiums or rebates. Except as provided in sections 89
4301.242 and 4301.246 of the Revised Code, no holder of any such 90
permit shall accept the same, provided that the manufacturer or 91
wholesale distributor may furnish to a retail permittee the 92
inside signs or advertising and the tap signs or devices 93
authorized by divisions (E) and (F) of section 4301.22 of the 94
Revised Code. 95

(B) No manufacturer shall have any financial interest, 96
directly or indirectly, by stock ownership, or through 97
interlocking directors in a corporation, or otherwise, in the 98
establishment, maintenance, or promotion in the business of any 99
wholesale distributor. No retail permit holder shall have any 100
interest, directly or indirectly, in the operation of, or any 101

ownership in, the business of any wholesale distributor or 102
manufacturer. 103

(C) (1) No manufacturer shall, except as authorized by 104
section 4303.021 of the Revised Code, have any financial 105
interest, directly or indirectly, by stock ownership, or through 106
interlocking directors in a corporation, or otherwise, in the 107
establishment, maintenance, or promotion of the business of any 108
retail dealer. No wholesale distributor or employee of a 109
wholesale distributor shall have any financial interest, 110
directly or indirectly, by stock ownership, interlocking 111
directors in a corporation, or otherwise, in the establishment, 112
maintenance, or promotion of the business of any retail dealer. 113
No manufacturer or wholesale distributor or any stockholder of a 114
manufacturer or wholesale distributor shall acquire, by 115
ownership in fee, leasehold, mortgage, or otherwise, directly or 116
indirectly, any interest in the premises on which the business 117
of any other person engaged in the business of trafficking in 118
beer or intoxicating liquor is conducted. 119

(2) All contracts, covenants, conditions, and limitations 120
whereby any person engaged or proposing to engage in the sale of 121
beer or intoxicating liquors promises to confine the person's 122
sales of a particular kind or quality of beer or intoxicating 123
liquor to one or more products, or the products of a specified 124
manufacturer or wholesale distributor, or to give preference to 125
those products, shall to the extent of that promise be void. The 126
making of a promise in any such form shall be cause for the 127
revocation or suspension of any permit issued to any party. 128

(D) No manufacturer shall sell or offer to sell to any 129
wholesale distributor or retail permit holder, no wholesale 130
distributor shall sell or offer to sell to any retail permit 131

holder, and no wholesale distributor or retail permit holder 132
shall purchase or receive from any manufacturer or wholesale 133
distributor, any beer, brewed beverages, or wine manufactured in 134
the United States except for cash. No right of action shall 135
exist to collect any claims for credit extended contrary to this 136
section. 137

This section does not prohibit a licensee from crediting 138
to a purchaser the actual prices charged for packages or 139
containers returned by the original purchaser as a credit on any 140
sale or from refunding to any purchaser the amount paid by that 141
purchaser for containers or as a deposit on containers when 142
title is retained by the vendor, if those containers or packages 143
have been returned to the manufacturer or distributor. This 144
section does not prohibit a manufacturer from extending usual 145
and customary credit for beer, brewed beverages, or wine 146
manufactured in the United States and sold to customers who live 147
or maintain places of business outside this state when the 148
beverages so sold are actually transported and delivered to 149
points outside this state. 150

No wholesale or retail permit shall be issued to an 151
applicant unless the applicant has paid in full all accounts for 152
beer or wine, manufactured in the United States, outstanding as 153
of September 6, 1939. No beer or wine manufactured in the United 154
States shall be imported into the state unless the beer or wine 155
has been paid for in cash, and no supplier registration for any 156
such beer or wine manufactured in the United States shall be 157
issued by the division of liquor control until the A-2, A-2f, B- 158
1, or B-5 permit holder establishes to the satisfaction of the 159
division that the beer or wine has been paid for in cash. 160

(E) This section does not prohibit any of the following: 161

(1) A manufacturer from securing and holding any financial interest, directly or indirectly, by stock ownership or through interlocking directors in a corporation, or otherwise, in the establishment, maintenance, or promotion of the business or premises of any C or D permit holder, provided that the following conditions are met:

(a) Either the manufacturer or one of its parent companies is listed on a national securities exchange.

(b) All purchases of alcoholic beverages by the C or D permit holder are made from wholesale distributors in this state or agency stores licensed by the division of liquor control.

(c) If the C or D permit holder sells brands of alcoholic beverages that are produced or distributed by the manufacturer that holds the financial interest, the C or D permit holder also sells other competing brands of alcoholic beverages produced by other manufacturers, no preference is given to the products of the manufacturer, and there is no exclusion, in whole or in part, of products sold or offered for sale by other manufacturers, suppliers, or importers of alcoholic beverages that constitutes a substantial impairment of commerce.

(d) The primary purpose of the C or D permit premises is a purpose other than to sell alcoholic beverages, and the sale of other goods and services exceeds fifty per cent of the total gross receipts of the C or D permit holder at its premises.

(2) A manufacturer from giving financial assistance to the holder of a B permit for the purpose of the holder purchasing an ownership interest in the business, existing inventory and equipment, or property of another B permit holder, including, but not limited to, participation in a limited liability

partnership, limited liability company, or any other legal 191
entity authorized to do business in this state. However, this 192
section does not permit a manufacturer to give financial 193
assistance to the holder of a B permit to purchase inventory or 194
equipment used in the daily operation of a B permit holder. 195

(3) A manufacturer or subsidiary of a manufacturer from 196
continuing to operate a wholesale distribution franchise or 197
distribute beer or wine within a designated territory if prior 198
to July 30, 2013, the manufacturer either acquired the 199
distribution franchise or territory, or awarded the franchise or 200
territory to itself or a subsidiary. 201

(4) A manufacturer from securing and holding an A-1c or B- 202
2a permit or permits and operating as a wholesale distributor 203
pursuant to such permits. 204

(5) A manufacturer from renting or leasing property to the 205
holder of an F class permit for purposes of an event for which 206
the F class permit has been issued. 207

(6) A permit holder that sells beer or intoxicating liquor 208
at retail from conducting, sponsoring, or hosting an event for 209
homemade brewers in accordance with section 4301.201 of the 210
Revised Code. 211

Sec. 4301.62. (A) As used in this section: 212

(1) "Chauffeured limousine" means a vehicle registered 213
under section 4503.24 of the Revised Code. 214

(2) "Street," "highway," and "motor vehicle" have the same 215
meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 216

(B) No person shall have in the person's possession an 217
opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the 218

following circumstances:	219
(1) Except as provided in division (C) (1) (e) of this section, in an agency store;	220 221
(2) Except as provided in division (C) <u>or (J)</u> of this section, on the premises of the holder of any permit issued by the division of liquor control;	222 223 224
(3) In any other public place;	225
(4) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this section, while operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking;	226 227 228 229 230
(5) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this section, while being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.	231 232 233 234
(C) (1) A person may have in the person's possession an opened container of any of the following:	235 236
(a) Beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully purchased for consumption on the premises where bought from the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, D-7, D-8, E, F, F-2, F-5, F-7, or F-8 permit;	237 238 239 240 241 242
(b) Beer, wine, or mixed beverages served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-3 permit, wine served as a tasting sample by an A-2 permit holder or S permit holder for consumption on the premises of a farmers market for which an F-	243 244 245 246

10 permit has been issued, or wine served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-4 or F-6 permit;	247 248
(c) Beer or intoxicating liquor consumed on the premises of a convention facility as provided in section 4303.201 of the Revised Code;	249 250 251
(d) Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed during tastings and samplings approved by rule of the liquor control commission;	252 253 254
(e) Spirituous liquor to be consumed for purposes of a tasting sample, as defined in section 4301.171 of the Revised Code.	255 256 257
(2) A person may have in the person's possession on an F liquor permit premises an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F permit if the premises for which the F permit is issued is a music festival and the holder of the F permit grants permission for that possession on the premises during the period for which the F permit is issued. As used in this division, "music festival" means a series of outdoor live musical performances, extending for a period of at least three consecutive days and located on an area of land of at least forty acres.	258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268
(3) (a) A person may have in the person's possession on a D-2 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of wine that was not purchased from the holder of the D-2 permit if the premises for which the D-2 permit is issued is an outdoor performing arts center, the person is attending an orchestral performance, and the holder of the D-2 permit grants permission for the possession and consumption of wine in certain	269 270 271 272 273 274 275

predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which	276
the D-2 permit is issued.	277
(b) As used in division (C) (3) (a) of this section:	278
(i) "Orchestral performance" means a concert comprised of	279
a group of not fewer than forty musicians playing various	280
musical instruments.	281
(ii) "Outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor	282
performing arts center that is located on not less than one	283
hundred fifty acres of land and that is open for performances	284
from the first day of April to the last day of October of each	285
year.	286
(4) A person may have in the person's possession an opened	287
or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an	288
outdoor location at which the person is attending an orchestral	289
performance as defined in division (C) (3) (b) (i) of this section	290
if the person with supervision and control over the performance	291
grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or	292
intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of that	293
outdoor location.	294
(5) A person may have in the person's possession on an F-9	295
liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of beer	296
or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of	297
the F-9 permit if the person is attending either of the	298
following:	299
(a) An orchestral performance and the F-9 permit holder	300
grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or	301
intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of the	302
premises during the period for which the F-9 permit is issued;	303
(b) An outdoor performing arts event or orchestral	304

performance that is free of charge and the F-9 permit holder 305
annually hosts not less than twenty-five other events or 306
performances that are free of charge on the permit premises. 307

As used in division (C) (5) of this section, "orchestral 308
performance" has the same meaning as in division (C) (3) (b) of 309
this section. 310

(6) (a) A person may have in the person's possession on the 311
property of an outdoor motorsports facility an opened or 312
unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not 313
purchased from the owner of the facility if both of the 314
following apply: 315

(i) The person is attending a racing event at the 316
facility; and 317

(ii) The owner of the facility grants permission for the 318
possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor on the 319
property of the facility. 320

(b) As used in division (C) (6) (a) of this section: 321

(i) "Racing event" means a motor vehicle racing event 322
sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning 323
organizations. 324

(ii) "Outdoor motorsports facility" means an outdoor 325
racetrack to which all of the following apply: 326

(I) It is two and four-tenths miles or more in length. 327

(II) It is located on two hundred acres or more of land. 328

(III) The primary business of the owner of the facility is 329
the hosting and promoting of racing events. 330

(IV) The holder of a D-1, D-2, or D-3 permit is located on 331

the property of the facility. 332

(7) (a) A person may have in the person's possession an 333
opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor 334
location within an outdoor refreshment area created under 335
section 4301.82 of the Revised Code if the opened container of 336
beer or intoxicating liquor was purchased from an A-1, A-1-A, A- 337
1c, A-2, A-2f, D class, or F class permit holder to which both 338
of the following apply: 339

(i) The permit holder's premises is located within the 340
outdoor refreshment area. 341

(ii) The permit held by the permit holder has an outdoor 342
refreshment area designation. 343

(b) Division (C) (7) of this section does not authorize a 344
person to do either of the following: 345

(i) Enter the premises of an establishment within an 346
outdoor refreshment area while possessing an opened container of 347
beer or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere; 348

(ii) Possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating 349
liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle within an outdoor 350
refreshment area, unless the possession is otherwise authorized 351
under division (D) or (E) of this section. 352

(c) As used in division (C) (7) of this section, "D class 353
permit holder" does not include a D-6 or D-8 permit holder. 354

(8) (a) A person may have in the person's possession on the 355
property of a market, within a defined F-8 permit premises, an 356
opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was 357
purchased from a D permit premises that is located immediately 358
adjacent to the market if both of the following apply: 359

(i) The market grants permission for the possession and 360
consumption of beer and intoxicating liquor within the defined 361
F-8 permit premises; 362

(ii) The market is hosting an event pursuant to an F-8 363
permit and the market has notified the division of liquor 364
control about the event in accordance with division (A) (3) of 365
section 4303.208 of the Revised Code. 366

(b) As used in division (C) (8) of this section, "market" 367
means a market, for which an F-8 permit is held, that has been 368
in operation since 1860. 369

(D) This section does not apply to a person who pays all 370
or a portion of the fee imposed for the use of a chauffeured 371
limousine pursuant to a prearranged contract, or the guest of 372
the person, when all of the following apply: 373

(1) The person or guest is a passenger in the limousine. 374

(2) The person or guest is located in the limousine, but 375
is not occupying a seat in the front compartment of the 376
limousine where the operator of the limousine is located. 377

(3) The limousine is located on any street, highway, or 378
other public or private property open to the public for purposes 379
of vehicular travel or parking. 380

(E) An opened bottle of wine that was purchased from the 381
holder of a permit that authorizes the sale of wine for 382
consumption on the premises where sold is not an opened 383
container for the purposes of this section if both of the 384
following apply: 385

(1) The opened bottle of wine is securely resealed by the 386
permit holder or an employee of the permit holder before the 387

bottle is removed from the premises. The bottle shall be secured 388
in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the bottle has 389
been subsequently opened or tampered with. 390

(2) The opened bottle of wine that is resealed in 391
accordance with division (E) (1) of this section is stored in the 392
trunk of a motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does not have 393
a trunk, behind the last upright seat or in an area not normally 394
occupied by the driver or passengers and not easily accessible 395
by the driver. 396

(F) (1) Except if an ordinance or resolution is enacted or 397
adopted under division (F) (2) of this section, this section does 398
not apply to a person who, pursuant to a prearranged contract, 399
is a passenger riding on a commercial quadricycle when all of 400
the following apply: 401

(a) The person is not occupying a seat in the front of the 402
commercial quadricycle where the operator is steering or 403
braking. 404

(b) The commercial quadricycle is being operated on a 405
street, highway, or other public or private property open to the 406
public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking. 407

(c) The person has in their possession on the commercial 408
quadricycle an opened container of beer or wine. 409

(d) The person has in their possession on the commercial 410
quadricycle not more than either thirty-six ounces of beer or 411
eighteen ounces of wine. 412

(2) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation 413
or township may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution, as 414
applicable, that prohibits a passenger riding on a commercial 415
quadricycle from possessing an opened container of beer or wine. 416

(3) As used in this section, "commercial quadricycle"	417
means a vehicle that has fully-operative pedals for propulsion	418
entirely by human power and that meets all of the following	419
requirements:	420
(a) It has four wheels and is operated in a manner similar	421
to a bicycle.	422
(b) It has at least five seats for passengers.	423
(c) It is designed to be powered by the pedaling of the	424
operator and the passengers.	425
(d) It is used for commercial purposes.	426
(e) It is operated by the vehicle owner or an employee of	427
the owner.	428
(G) This section does not apply to a person that has in	429
the person's possession an opened container of beer or	430
intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or	431
intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit	432
holder that is located in the market.	433
As used in division (G) of this section, "market" means an	434
establishment that:	435
(1) Leases space in the market to individual vendors, not	436
less than fifty per cent of which are retail food establishments	437
or food service operations licensed under Chapter 3717. of the	438
Revised Code;	439
(2) Has an indoor sales floor area of not less than	440
twenty-two thousand square feet;	441
(3) Hosts a farmer's market on each Saturday from April	442
through December.	443

(H) (1) As used in this section, "alcoholic beverage" has 444
the same meaning as in section 4303.185 of the Revised Code. 445

(2) An alcoholic beverage in a closed container being 446
transported under section 4303.185 of the Revised Code to its 447
final destination is not an opened container for the purposes of 448
this section if the closed container is securely sealed in such 449
a manner that it is visibly apparent if the closed container has 450
been subsequently opened or tampered with after sealing. 451

(I) This section does not apply to a person who has in the 452
person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating 453
liquor in a public-use airport, as described in division (D) (2) 454
(a) (iii) of section 4303.181 of the Revised Code, when both of 455
the following apply: 456

(1) Consumption of the opened container of beer or 457
intoxicating liquor occurs in the area of the airport terminal 458
that is restricted to persons taking flights to and from the 459
airport; and 460

(2) The consumption is authorized under division (D) (2) (a) 461
of section 4303.181 of the Revised Code. 462

(J) This section does not apply to a person that has in 463
the person's possession an opened container of homemade beer or 464
wine that is served in accordance with division (E) of section 465
4301.201 of the Revised Code. 466

Section 2. That existing sections 4301.24 and 4301.62 of 467
the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 468