VLA Title 28-A Subcommittee

Rescheduled date: December 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

HO = handout; ST = statute

A. Review Draft Bills and Questions

• “Errors Bill”
  o OPLA questions
  o BABLO request to change gallons to liters for spirits and wine (import and transport statutes)
• Three-tier Financial Prohibitions draft bill (rewrite of §707 and §1363)
  o BABLO requested change to “out-of-state spirits wholesaler” and “business entities” definitions
• Certificate of Approval for Out-of-state Spirits Manufacturers bill
  o OPLA questions
  o BABLO requests: (1) include non-manufacturer, out-of-state spirits suppliers in COA requirement; (2) change gallon measurements to liter measurements

B. Taste-Testing, Product Sampling and Sales Representatives Questions – Revisit from 11/19/19 meeting

Taste-testing & Product sampling statutes – Appendix E

• Streamline these statutes? (question tabled)

Sales Representatives Statutes – Chapter 59 (§§ 1501 to 1505)

• Who may pour samples at a taste-testing event where no sales representative is present? (question tabled)

C. Section 1355-A Proposed Rewrite by Senator Luchini

• OPLA Question: clarify definitions of the following licensees to include bottling? (compare §1551; ST 176)
  o “rectifier” (§2(25); ST 8);
  o “distillery” (§2(11); errors bill p.1); and
  o “small distillery” (§2(29-A); errors bill p.5).

D. Hard Cider and Low-Alcohol Spirits Questions

• Appendix B (and statutes cited therein)

E. Chapter 45 (Off-premises retail licenses) Questions

• Begin §1201 (HO 21; ST 129)
• End §1209 (HO 23; ST 139)

(To the extent the questions for these statutes haven’t already been answered by the Subcommittee)

F. Terminology / Cross-reference issues not yet addressed

• Compare §2(3)(A) (ST 2) with §161(7) (ST 34): change “premises” to defined term “bottle club premises”?
• §81(3), (4) (ST 20; HO 3): specify that the Commission’s listing authority applies only to “spirits items”?
• §124(1), (4) (ST 33; HO 5): Should cross-references instead be to “section 121 or 122-123”?
• §712(2) (ST 80; HO 13): Should “liquor” be “malt liquor or wine”? Or, should headnote of §712 be changed?
• §1455(1) (ST 168; HO 31): Should the subsection headnote be changed to “Written notices”?
• §2203 (ST 202; HO 38): Should the headnote be changed to “Evidence of illegal sale” to encompass sub-§2?

G. Plan for Finalizing and Presenting these bills to VLA Committee

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