



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CHAIRPERSON
COMMERCE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-31
DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2021
RE: HOUSE BILL No. 22-55

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism to which House Bill No. 22-55 was referred, entitled:

“To amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.”

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After considerable discussion, your Committee recommends that H. B. No. 22-55 be passed by the House in the form of House Substitute 1.

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of House Bill No. 22-55 is to amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.

B. Committee Substitute:

Your Committee, along with the Department of Commerce, Division of Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco Control (DOC-ABTC) worked collaboratively to refine, enhance and strengthen the intent and purpose of House Bill No. 22-55. The working group concluded that it was necessary to amend other pertinent sections of the Commonwealth Code pertaining to definition, regulations, and authorized sales, limitations and prohibitions.

The changes are as follows:

1. Page 2, Line 5: Amended 4 CMC §5511 by adding a new subsection (m) to read as follows:

“m. “Online Sale License” means a license covering an electronic business (e-business) that offers services through electronic commerce (e-commerce) to sale alcoholic beverage products via internet online shopping.”

2. Page 2, Line 10: Amended 4 CMC §5513 to read as follows:

“§5513. Regulations.

The Department of Commerce is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the intent and provisions of Title 4 §§ ~~5511(j), 5554 and 5557~~ Division 5, Chapter 5 of the Commonwealth Code.

3. Page 3, Line 17: Amended 4 CMC, Division 5, Chapter 5, Article 2 by adding a new section 5545 to read as follows:

“§5545. Online Sale Licensee: Authorized Sales, Limitations and Prohibitions.

a. A person holding a Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License (Online Sale License) shall be authorized and limited only within the CNMI and may sell to consumers alcoholic beverages via means of online electronic commerce (e-commerce) specified by the CNMI Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC Division). Provided however, that prior to obtaining such license, the applicant shall register his/her online business with the CNMI Department of Commerce, ABTC Division online portal.

b. A person holding an Online Sale License shall establish an online customer registration platform containing the following:

1. Full name of the person placing the online order

2. Mailing Address

3. Physical location of residence

4. Contact number

5. Email address

6. Upload an electronic copy of the person's (buyer's) valid identification document (ID), i.e., driver's license or passport for purpose of verifying the person's age who is placing the online order.

c. A person holding an Online Sale License shall be prohibited from shipping any alcoholic beverage products to consumers via postal mail or any means of parcel services (via air or surface).

d. A person holding a Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License shall have an established business premises within the CNMI for consumers to directly pick up their online orders of alcoholic beverages or have an agent directly deliver the alcoholic beverage products at the consumer's designated location.

1. The Secretary of Commerce shall establish a sub-classified license, a Class-10 Deliver Service (DS) License, for the delivery of alcoholic beverages ordered online, which the license fee shall not be more than the actual Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License fee. The Secretary of Commerce may promulgate through regulations a reasonable licensing fee for the Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License and Class-10 Deliver Service (DS) License.

2. The Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License holder shall separately apply for the Class-10 (DS) license, if the licensee will provide delivery services on all three islands (Saipan, Tinian and Rota).

3. The licensee or his/her agent shall verify through a valid identification document (ID) to ensure that the person who is picking up the alcoholic beverages or who is receiving the alcoholic beverages upon delivery is 21 years of age or older.

e. A person holding an Online Sale License may offer his/her online business services for 24 hours. Provided however, that the pick up or delivery services shall

be made between the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

f. A person holding an Online Sale License shall comply with the provisions set forth in 4 CMC 5531.

g. A person holding an Online Sale License shall comply with the provisions set forth in 4 CMC §5553 (a), (b).

h. A person holding an Online Sale License shall comply with the provisions set forth in 4 CMC §5557.

i. A person holding an Online Sale License shall comply with the provisions set forth in 4 CMC §5559 (a), (b).

j. The Secretary of Commerce shall promulgate regulations with respect to persons holding a Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License to be consistent with the intent of this chapter in this article.

k. Any violations relating to the Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License shall be applicable to the fines and penalties set forth in 4 CMC § 5601.”

C. Committee Findings:

Your Committee finds that pursuant to 4 CMC §5526, licenses to sell alcoholic beverages are limited to the following class of licenses:

Class 1 Manufacturer's License Annual Sampling Fee
Class 2 Wholesale Agent's License Annual Sampling Fee
Class 3 Retail Dealer's On-Sale License: Beer and Wine
General
General (if Class A Restaurant license holder) Annual Sampling Fee
Class 4 Retail Dealer's Off-Sale License: Beer and Wine
General
Annual Sampling Fee
Class 5 Temporary Beer License
Class 6 Club License
Class 7 Special Liquor License
Class 8 Special Casino Liquor License
Class 9 Special Electronic Gaming Liquor License

Your Committee further finds that House Bill No. 22-55, HS1 will amend 4 CMC §5526 and other pertinent sections to create a new Class 10 for Online Alcoholic Beverage License. In the US alone, consumers spend more than USD230 billion annually on alcoholic beverages,

according to the US Department of Commerce. While today just a tiny portion of alcohol sales is conducted online, the category is poised for spirited growth in the coming years.

Your Committee further finds that numerous factors point to the increasing demand for alcohol sales online. Perhaps the biggest impetus is the ongoing shift in retail sales from brick-and-mortar to digital. A growing roster of stores with click-and-collect programs and the emergence of mobile apps that offer instant gratification through on-demand delivery are certain to drive more alcohol sales online. In addition, an expanding population of drinking-age consumers provides another boon. It's hard to overlook the coming of age of 75+ million millennials and that's only in the US. These tech-savvy consumers expect to buy beer, wine and spirits over the Internet or with the tap of a smartphone just as they do any other product.

Your Committee finds that alcohol sales growth via the web looks inevitable. eCommerce is making an impact on just about every industry, and alcohol looks set to be the next sector to be disrupted by the continued shift to digital. As consumer demand increases, online models evolve and efforts to sell alcohol online expand, alcohol brands that address and meet changing consumer needs, wants and shopping patterns will be best positioned to tap the online alcohol opportunity. Selling alcohol online represents a sizable and yet untapped opportunity. Despite some unique obstacles, alcohol sales growth via the web is inevitable. Many signs point to a consumer who is clearly ready to shop for alcohol online.

Therefore, the Committee recommends that the House pass House Bill No. 22-55 in the form of House Substitute 1.

C. Public Comments:

Comments were received from the following:

- 1) David DLG. Atalig, Secretary, Department of Finance

“While the demand for such a license among commercial actors within the Commonwealth is unclear, the intent to advance CNMI laws to comport with a changing global market is a worthwhile effort and as such the Department of Finance is in support of this legislation.”

- 2) Edward M. Deleon Guerrero, Acting Secretary, Department of Commerce

“The Department of Commerce supports the intent of the bill and respectfully submits its comments. In addition to the intent of amending 4 CMC §5526, the Department of Commerce, ABTC Division respectfully recommends the following.”

Comments have been attached as part of this committee report.

D. Legislative History:

House Bill No. 22-55 was formally introduced to the full body of the House on April 23, 2021 by Rep. Leila H.F.C. Staffler and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism for disposition.

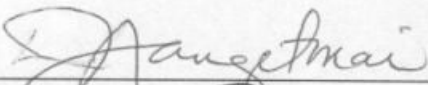
E. Cost Benefit:

The enactment of House Bill No. 22-55, House Substitute 1 will result in minimal costs to the CNMI Government in the form of additional staffing and other resources necessary for enforcement purposes. However, the proposed legislation aims to generate additional revenues that will help offset costs incurred.

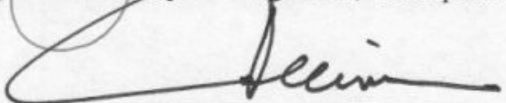
III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H. B. NO. 22-55, and recommends its passage in the form of House Substitute 1.

Respectfully submitted,



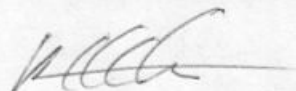
Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, Chairperson



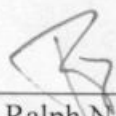
Rep. Celina R. Babauta, Member

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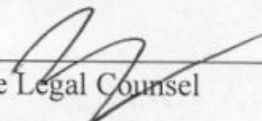


Rep. Vicente C. Camacho, Member



Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Member

Reviewed by:



House Legal Counsel

Attachment: David DLG. Atalig, Secretary, DOF, dated June 24, 2021
Edward M. Deleon Guerrero, Acting Secretary, DOC, dated June 24, 2021
Voting Record to Substitute HB22-55 in the form of H. Substitute 1 on Oct. 20, 2021
Voting Record for passage in the form of HB22-55, HS1 on Oct. 20, 2021



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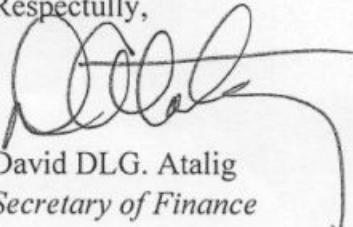
Dear Chairwoman Yangetmai:

On behalf of the CNMI Department of Finance, I am please to extend our support on House Bill 22-55, to amend 4 CMC § 5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages."

In an effort to provide this letter, the Department of Finance sought to understand the impact of this bill on the Commonwealth's tools to support business development and economic growth. While the demand for such a license among commercial actors within the Commonwealth is unclear, the intent to advance CNMI laws to comport with a changing global market is a worthwhile effort and as such the Department of Finance is in support of this legislation.

On behalf of the CNMI Department of Finance, I thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 664-1100 or via email at david.atalig@dof.gov.mp.

Respectfully,



David DLG. Atalig
Secretary of Finance

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June 24, 2021

The Honorable Denita K. Yangetmai
Chair, House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism and Cannabis
House Representative
22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Honorable Jesus M. Mafnas Building
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Re: Solicitation for Comments - House Bill No. 22-55

Dear Chair Yangetmai:

Thank you for giving the Department of Commerce the opportunity to submit comments on House Bill 22-55: To amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.

The Department of Commerce supports the intent of the bill and respectfully submits its comments.

COMMENTS:

In addition to the intent of amending 4 CMC §5526, the Department of Commerce, ABTC Division respectfully recommends the following:

Amend the definitions of 4 CMC §5511 by adding a new subsection (m) to read as follows:

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m. "Online Sale License" means a license covering an electronic business (e-business) that offers services through electronic commerce (e-commerce) to sale alcoholic beverage products via internet online shopping.

Amend 4 CMC §5513 to read as follows:

The Department of Commerce is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the intent and provisions of Title 4 §§ ~~5511(j), 5554 and 5557~~ Division 5, Chapter 5 of the Commonwealth Code.

Replace Section 3 as follows:

Section 3. Enactment. Subject to codification by the Commonwealth Law Revision Commission by adding a new subsection §5545 under Article 2 to read as follows:
§5545. Online Sale Licensee: Authorized Sales; Limitations and Prohibitions.

- a. A person holding a Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License (Online Sale License) shall be authorized and limited only within the CNMI and may sell to consumers alcoholic beverages via means of online electronic commerce (e-commerce) specified by the CNMI Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC Division). Provided however, that prior to obtaining such license, the applicant shall register his/her online business with the CNMI Department of Commerce, ABTC Division online portal.
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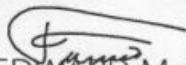
6. Upload an electronic copy of the person's (buyer's) valid identification document (ID), i.e., driver's license or passport for purpose of verifying the person's age who is placing the online order.
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- i. A person holding an Online Sale License shall comply with the provisions set forth in 4 CMC §5559 (a), (b).
- j. The Secretary of Commerce shall promulgate regulations with respect to persons holding a Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License to be consistent with the intent of this chapter in this article.
- k. Any violations relating to the Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License shall be applicable to the fines and penalties set forth in 4 CMC § 5601.

Again, we thank you for allowing the Department of Commerce the opportunity to comment. We hope that you find the above recommendations useful for this purpose.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 670-664-3077.

Respectfully,



EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Acting Secretary

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TOURISM
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-SECOND CNMI LEGISLATURE**

VOICE/ROLL CALL VOTE

DATE: October 20, 2021


MOTION: To Substitute House Bill 22-55 with House Bill 22-55, House Substitute 1.

MOTION OFFERED BY: Rep. Vicente C. Camacho

MOTION SECONDED BY: Rep. Celina R. Babauta

	NAME	Present
1	Chairperson Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	X
2	Vice Chairperson Patrick H. San Nicolas	Excused
3	Representative Celina R. Babauta	X
4	Representative Vicente C. Camacho	X
5	Representative Richard T. Lizama	Excused
6	Representative Ralph N. Yumul	X

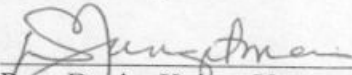
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Clarissa Sablan
House Legislative Assistant

Date: 10/20/21

Concurred by:



Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai
Chairperson

Date: 10/25/2021

**HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TOURISM
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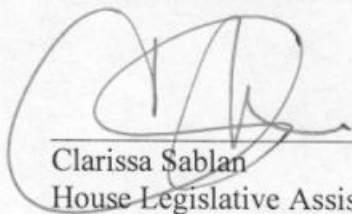
MOTION: To Draft a Standing Committee Report for the passage of House Bill 22-55 in the form of House Substitute 1.

MOTION OFFERED BY: Rep. Ralph N. Yumul

MOTION SECONDED BY: Rep. Celina R. Babauta

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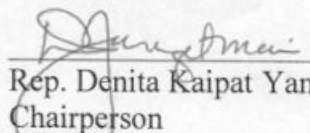
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Clarissa Sablan
House Legislative Assistant

Date: 10/20/21

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Rep. Denita Kaipat Yangetmai
Chairperson

Date: 10/25/2021

**TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2021

First Special Session, 2021

H. B. 22-55, HS1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE 22ND NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that licenses to sell
2 alcoholic beverages are limited to manufacturers, wholesale agents, retail dealer's
3 on-sale, retail dealers off-sale, and so forth. Due to ongoing technological
4 advancements, the Legislature also finds that the option to buy and/or sell alcoholic
5 beverages online have also become possible. Despite such possible option and
6 pursuant to the current language of the aforementioned statute, the ability to engage
7 in online selling alcoholic beverages is not permitted. In accordance with ongoing
8 globalization, it is imperative to amend certain statutes to allow for the issuance of
9 a license for the online sale of alcoholic beverages to provide interested applicants
10 with additional commercial opportunities. The Legislature finds that such

1 opportunity will provide great economic convenience to our Commonwealth for
2 the benefit of future generations and commercial activities to come.

3 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish a separate license for online
4 sales of alcoholic beverages.

5 **Section 2. Amendment.** 4 CMC §5511 is hereby amended by adding a new
6 subsection (m) to read as follows:

7 “m. “Online Sale License” means a license covering an electronic business
8 (e-business) that offers services through electronic commerce (e-commerce)
9 to sale alcoholic beverage products via internet online shopping.”

10 **Section 3. Amendment.** 4 CMC §5513 is hereby amended to read as
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12 **“§5513. Regulations.**

13 The Department of Commerce is authorized to promulgate rules and
14 regulations to implement the intent and provisions of Title 4, Division 5,
15 Chapter 5 of the Commonwealth Code.”

16 **Section 4. Amendment.** 4 CMC §5526 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **“§5526. Classes and Fees.**

19 The Secretary of Commerce shall have the authority to create a new
20 Class-7 Special Liquor License and a new Class-8 Special Casino Liquor
21 License and a new Class 9 Special Electronic Gaming Liquor License and

1 to promulgate application filing and license fees for the following class of
2 licenses only:

3 Class 1 Manufacturer's License Annual Sampling Fee

4 Class 2 Wholesale Agent's License Annual Sampling Fee

5 Class 3 Retail Dealer's On-Sale License: Beer and Wine

6 General

7 General (if Class A Restaurant license holder) Annual Sampling Fee

8 Class 4 Retail Dealer's Off-Sale License: Beer and Wine

9 General

10 Annual Sampling Fee

11 Class 5 Temporary Beer License

12 Class 6 Club License

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14 Class 8 Special Casino Liquor License

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16 Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License"

17 **Section 5. Amendment.** Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 5, Article 2 is hereby

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13 (DS) License.

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14 persons holding a Class 10 Online Alcoholic Beverage License to be
15 consistent with the intent of this chapter in this article.

16 k. Any violations relating to the Class-10 Online Alcoholic Beverage
17 License shall be applicable to the fines and penalties set forth in 4 CMC §
18 5601.”

19 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
20 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
21 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its

1 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
2 shall not be affected thereby.

3 **Section 7. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
4 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
5 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
6 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
7 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
8 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
9 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

10 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
11 the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 4/20/2021

Date: 4/20/2021

Introduced by: /s/ Rep. Leila H.F.C. Staffler
/s/ Rep. Vicente C. Camacho

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Jose A Bermudes
Legal Counsel