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A BILL

To amend sections 4301.17, 4301.62, 4301.69, 4301.99, 1
4303.29, and 4303.292, to enact section 4301.65, 2
and to repeal section 4303.273 of the Revised Code 3
to revise the laws governing liquor control. 4

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

Section 1. That sections 4301.17, 4301.62, 4301.69, 4301.99, 5
4303.29, and 4303.292 be amended and section 4301.65 of the 6
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4301.17. (A)(1) Subject to local option as provided in 8
sections 4301.32 to 4301.40 of the Revised Code, five state liquor 9
stores or agencies may be established in each county. One 10
additional store may be established in any county for each 11
twenty-five thousand of population of that county or major 12
fraction thereof in excess of the first forty thousand, according 13
to the last preceding federal decennial census or according to the 14
population estimates certified by the department of development 15
between decennial censuses. A person engaged in a mercantile 16

business may act as the agent for the division of liquor control 17
for the sale of spirituous liquor in a municipal corporation, in 18
the unincorporated area of a township, or in an area designated 19
and approved as a resort area under section 4303.262 of the 20
Revised Code. The division shall fix the compensation for such an 21
agent in the manner it considers best, but the compensation shall 22
not exceed seven per cent of the gross sales made by the agent in 23
any one year. 24

(2) The division shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 25
119. of the Revised Code governing the allocation and equitable 26
distribution of agency store contracts. The division shall comply 27
with the rules when awarding a contract under division (A)(1) of 28
this section. 29

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no 30
mercantile business that sells beer or intoxicating liquor for 31
consumption on the premises under a permit issued by the division 32
shall operate an agency store at the premises. An agency to which 33
a D-1 permit has been issued may offer for sale tasting samples of 34
beer, an agency to which a D-2 permit has been issued may offer 35
for sale tasting samples of wine and mixed beverages, and an 36
agency to which a D-5 permit has been issued may offer for sale 37
tasting samples of beer, wine, and mixed beverages, but not 38
spirituous liquor. A tasting sample shall not be sold for the 39
purpose of general consumption. As used in this section, "tasting 40
sample" means a small amount of beer, wine, or mixed beverages 41
that is provided in not more than four servings of not more than 42
two ounces each to an authorized purchaser and that allows the 43
purchaser to determine, by tasting only, the quality and character 44
of the beverage. 45

(B) When an agency contract is proposed ~~or~~, when an existing 46
agency contract is assigned, when an existing agency proposes to 47
relocate, or when an existing agency is relocated and assigned, 48

before entering into any contract ~~or~~, consenting to any 49
assignment, or consenting to any relocation, the division shall 50
notify the legislative authority of the municipal corporation in 51
which the agency store is to be located, or the board of county 52
commissioners and the board of township trustees of the county and 53
the township in which the agency store is to be located if the 54
agency store is to be located outside the corporate limits of a 55
municipal corporation, of the proposed contract ~~or~~, assignment, or 56
relocation, and an opportunity shall be provided officials or 57
employees of the municipal corporation or county and township for 58
a complete hearing upon the advisability of entering into the 59
contract or consenting to the assignment or relocation. When the 60
division sends notice to the legislative authority of the 61
political subdivision, the division shall notify, by certified 62
mail or by personal service, the chief peace officer of the 63
political subdivision, who may appear and testify, either in 64
person or through a representative, at any hearing held on the 65
advisability of entering into the contract or consenting to the 66
assignment or relocation. 67

If the proposed agency store, the assignment of an agency 68
contract, or the relocation of an agency store would be located 69
within five hundred feet of a school, church, library, public 70
playground, or township park, the division shall not enter into an 71
agency contract until it has provided notice of the proposed 72
contract to the authorities in control of the school, church, 73
library, public playground, or township park and has provided 74
those authorities with an opportunity for a complete hearing upon 75
the advisability of entering into the contract. If an agency store 76
so located is operating under an agency contract, the division may 77
consent to relocation of the agency store or to the assignment of 78
that contract to operate an agency store at the same location, ~~but~~ 79
~~the~~. The division may also consent to the assignment of an 80
existing agency contract simultaneously with the relocation of the 81

agency store. In any such assignment or relocation, the assignee 82
and the location shall be subject to the same requirements that 83
the existing location met at the time that the contract was first 84
entered into as well as any additional requirements imposed by the 85
division in rules adopted by the superintendent of liquor control. 86
The division shall not consent to an assignment or relocation of 87
an agency store until it has notified the authorities in control 88
of the school, church, library, public playground, or township 89
park and has provided those authorities with an opportunity for a 90
complete hearing upon the advisability of consenting to the 91
assignment or relocation. 92

Any hearing provided for in this division shall be held in 93
the central office of the division, except that upon written 94
request of the legislative authority of the municipal corporation, 95
the board of county commissioners, the board of township trustees, 96
or the authorities in control of the school, church, library, 97
public playground, or township park, the hearing shall be held in 98
the county seat of the county where the proposed agency store is 99
to be located. 100

(C) All agency contracts entered into by the division 101
pursuant to this section shall be in writing and shall contain a 102
clause providing for the termination of the contract at will by 103
the division upon its giving ninety days' notice in writing to the 104
agent of its intention to do so. Any agency contract may include a 105
clause requiring the agent to report to the appropriate law 106
enforcement agency the name and address of any individual under 107
twenty-one years of age who attempts to make an illegal purchase. 108

An agent may engage in the selling of beer, mixed beverages, 109
and wine pursuant to permits issued to the agent under Chapter 110
4303. of the Revised Code. 111

The division shall issue a C-1 and C-2 permit to each agent 112
who prior to November 1, 1994, had not been issued both of these 113

permits, notwithstanding the population quota restrictions 114
contained in section 4303.29 of the Revised Code or in any rule of 115
the liquor control commission and notwithstanding the requirements 116
of section 4303.31 of the Revised Code. The location of a C-1 or 117
C-2 permit issued to such an agent shall not be transferred. The 118
division shall revoke any C-1 or C-2 permit issued to an agent 119
under this paragraph if the agent no longer operates an agency 120
store. 121

The division may enter into agreements with the department of 122
development to implement a minority loan program to provide 123
low-interest loans to minority business enterprises, as defined in 124
section 122.71 of the Revised Code, that are awarded liquor agency 125
contracts or assignments. 126

(D) If the division closes a state liquor store and replaces 127
that store with an agency store, any employees of the division 128
employed at that state liquor store who lose their jobs at that 129
store as a result shall be given preference by the agent who 130
operates the agency store in filling any vacancies that occur 131
among the agent's employees, if that preference does not conflict 132
with the agent's obligations pursuant to a collective bargaining 133
agreement. 134

If the division closes a state liquor store and replaces the 135
store with an agency store, any employees of the division employed 136
at the state liquor store who lose their jobs at that store as a 137
result may displace other employees as provided in sections 138
124.321 to 124.328 of the Revised Code. If an employee cannot 139
displace other employees and is laid off, the employee shall be 140
reinstated in another job as provided in sections 124.321 to 141
124.328 of the Revised Code, except that the employee's rights of 142
reinstatement in a job at a state liquor store shall continue for 143
a period of two years after the date of the employee's layoff and 144
shall apply to jobs at state liquor stores located in the 145

employee's layoff jurisdiction and any layoff jurisdiction 146
adjacent to the employee's layoff jurisdiction. 147

(E) The division shall require every agent to give bond with 148
surety to the satisfaction of the division, in the amount the 149
division fixes, conditioned for the faithful performance of the 150
agent's duties as prescribed by the division. 151

Sec. 4301.62. (A) As used in this section: 152

(1) "Chauffeured limousine" means a vehicle registered under 153
section 4503.24 of the Revised Code. 154

(2) "Street," "highway," and "motor vehicle" have the same 155
meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code. 156

(B) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened 157
container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following 158
circumstances: 159

(1) In a state liquor store; 160

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, on 161
the premises of the holder of any permit issued by the division of 162
liquor control; 163

(3) In any other public place; 164

(4) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this 165
section, while operating or being a passenger in or on a motor 166
vehicle on any street, highway, or other public or private 167
property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or 168
parking; 169

(5) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this 170
section, while being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on any 171
street, highway, or other public or private property open to the 172
public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking. 173

(C)(1) A person may have in the person's possession an opened 174

container of any of the following:	175
(a) Beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully	176
purchased for consumption on the premises where bought from the	177
holder of an A-1-A, A-2, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5,	178
D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k,	179
D-7, D-8, E, F, F-2, or F-5 permit;	180
(b) Beer, wine, or mixed beverages served for consumption on	181
the premises by the holder of an F-3 permit or wine served for	182
consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-4 or F-6 permit;	183
(c) Beer or intoxicating liquor consumed on the premises of a	184
convention facility as provided in section 4303.201 of the Revised	185
Code;	186
(d) Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed during	187
tastings and samplings approved by rule of the liquor control	188
commission.	189
(2) A person may have in the person's possession on an F	190
liquor permit premises an opened container of beer or intoxicating	191
liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F permit if	192
the premises for which the F permit is issued is a music festival	193
and the holder of the F permit grants permission for that	194
possession on the premises during the period for which the F	195
permit is issued. As used in this division, "music festival" means	196
a series of outdoor live musical performances, extending for a	197
period of at least three consecutive days and located on an area	198
of land of at least forty acres.	199
<u>(3)(a) A person may have in the person's possession on a D-2</u>	200
<u>liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of wine</u>	201
<u>that was not purchased from the holder of the D-2 permit if the</u>	202
<u>premises for which the D-2 permit is issued is an outdoor</u>	203
<u>performing arts center, the person is attending an orchestral</u>	204
<u>performance, and the holder of the D-2 permit grants permission</u>	205

for the possession and consumption of wine in certain 206
predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which 207
the D-2 permit is issued. 208

(b) As used in division (C)(3)(a) of this section: 209

(i) "Orchestral performance" means a concert comprised of a 210
group of not fewer than forty musicians playing various musical 211
instruments. 212

(ii) "Outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor 213
performing arts center that is located on not less than eight 214
hundred acres of land and that is open for performances from the 215
first day of April to the last day of October of each year. 216

(D) This section does not apply to a person who pays all or a 217
portion of the fee imposed for the use of a chauffeured limousine 218
pursuant to a prearranged contract, or the guest of the person, 219
when all of the following apply: 220

(1) The person or guest is a passenger in the limousine. 221

(2) The person or guest is located in the limousine, but is 222
not occupying a seat in the front compartment of the limousine 223
where the operator of the limousine is located. 224

(3) The limousine is located on any street, highway, or other 225
public or private property open to the public for purposes of 226
vehicular travel or parking. 227

(E) An opened bottle of wine that was purchased from the 228
holder of a permit that authorizes the sale of wine for 229
consumption on the premises where sold is not an opened container 230
for the purposes of this section if both of the following apply: 231

(1) The opened bottle of wine is securely resealed by the 232
permit holder or an employee of the permit holder before the 233
bottle is removed from the premises. The bottle shall be secured 234
in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the bottle has 235

been subsequently opened or tampered with.

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

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Sec. 4301.65. (A) As used in this section, "alcohol vaporizing device" means a machine or other device that mixes beer or intoxicating liquor with pure oxygen or any other gas to produce a vaporized product for the purpose of consumption by inhalation.

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(B) No person shall sell or offer for sale an alcohol vaporizing device.

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(C) No person shall purchase or use an alcohol vaporizing device.

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Sec. 4301.69. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall sell beer or intoxicating liquor to an underage person, shall buy beer or intoxicating liquor for an underage person, or shall furnish it to an underage person, unless given by a physician in the regular line of the physician's practice or given for established religious purposes or unless the underage person is accompanied supervised by a parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian.

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In proceedings before the liquor control commission, no permit holder, or ~~the~~ no employee or agent of a permit holder, charged with a violation of this division shall be charged, for the same offense, with a violation of division (A)(1) of section 4301.22 of the Revised Code.

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(B) No person who is the owner or occupant of any public or private place shall knowingly allow any underage person to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, unless the intoxicating liquor or beer is given to the person possessing or consuming it by that person's parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian and the parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian is present at the time of the person's possession or consumption of the beer or intoxicating liquor.

An owner of a public or private place is not liable for acts or omissions in violation of this division that are committed by a lessee of that place, unless the owner authorizes or acquiesces in the lessee's acts or omissions.

(C) No person shall engage or use accommodations at a hotel, inn, cabin, campground, or restaurant when the person knows or has reason to know either of the following:

(1) That beer or intoxicating liquor will be consumed by an underage person on the premises of the accommodations that the person engages or uses, unless the person engaging or using the accommodations is the spouse of the underage person and ~~who~~ is not an underage person, or is the parent or legal guardian of all of the underage persons, who consume beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises and that person is on the premises at all times when beer or intoxicating liquor is being consumed by an underage person;

(2) That a drug of abuse will be consumed on the premises of the accommodations by any person, except a person who obtained the drug of abuse pursuant to a prescription issued by a licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs and has the drug of abuse in the original container in which it was dispensed to the person.

(D)(1) No person is required to permit the engagement of 296
accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by an 297
underage person or for an underage person, if the person engaging 298
the accommodations knows or has reason to know that the underage 299
person is intoxicated, or that the underage person possesses any 300
beer or intoxicating liquor and is not ~~accompanied~~ supervised by a 301
parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal guardian 302
who is or will be present at all times when the beer or 303
intoxicating liquor is being consumed by the underage person. 304

(2) No underage person shall knowingly engage or attempt to 305
engage accommodations at any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground by 306
presenting identification that falsely indicates that the underage 307
person is twenty-one years of age or older for the purpose of 308
violating this section. 309

(E)(1) No underage person shall knowingly order, pay for, 310
share the cost of, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume any 311
beer or intoxicating liquor in any public or private place. No 312
underage person shall knowingly be under the influence of any beer 313
or intoxicating liquor in any public place. The prohibitions set 314
forth in division (E)(1) of this section against an underage 315
person knowingly possessing, consuming, or being under the 316
influence of any beer or intoxicating liquor shall not apply if 317
the underage person is ~~accompanied~~ supervised by a parent, spouse 318
who is not an underage person, or legal guardian, or the beer or 319
intoxicating liquor is given by a physician in the regular line of 320
the physician's practice or given for established religious 321
purposes. 322

(2)(a) If a person is charged with violating division (E)(1) 323
of this section in a complaint filed under section 2151.27 of the 324
Revised Code, the court may order the child into a diversion 325
program specified by the court and hold the complaint in abeyance 326
pending successful completion of the diversion program. A child is 327

ineligible to enter into a diversion program under division 328
(E)(2)(a) of this section if the child previously has been 329
diverted pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) of this section. If the 330
child completes the diversion program to the satisfaction of the 331
court, the court shall dismiss the complaint and order the child's 332
record in the case sealed under division (D)(3) of section 333
2151.358 of the Revised Code. If the child fails to satisfactorily 334
complete the diversion program, the court shall proceed with the 335
complaint. 336

(b) If a person is charged in a criminal complaint with 337
violating division (E)(1) of this section, section 2935.36 of the 338
Revised Code shall apply to the offense, except that a person is 339
ineligible for diversion under that section if the person 340
previously has been diverted pursuant to division (E)(2)(a) or (b) 341
of this section. If the person completes the diversion program to 342
the satisfaction of the court, the court shall dismiss the 343
complaint and order the record in the case sealed under section 344
2953.52 of the Revised Code. If the person fails to satisfactorily 345
complete the diversion program, the court shall proceed with the 346
complaint. 347

(F) No parent, spouse who is not an underage person, or legal 348
guardian of a minor shall knowingly permit the minor to violate 349
this section or section 4301.63, 4301.633, or 4301.634 of the 350
Revised Code. 351

(G) The operator of any hotel, inn, cabin, or campground 352
shall make the provisions of this section available in writing to 353
any person engaging or using accommodations at the hotel, inn, 354
cabin, or campground. 355

(H) As used in this section: 356

(1) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section 357
3719.011 of the Revised Code. 358

(2) "Hotel" has the same meaning as in section 3731.01 of the Revised Code. 359
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(3) "Licensed health professional authorized to prescribe drugs" and "prescription" have the same meanings as in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code. 361
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(4) "Minor" means a person under the age of eighteen years. 364

(5) "Underage person" means a person under the age of twenty-one years. 365
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Sec. 4301.99. (A) Whoever violates section 4301.47, 4301.48, 4301.49, 4301.62, or 4301.70 or division (C) of section 4301.65 or division (B) of section 4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 367
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(B) Whoever violates section 4301.15, division (A)(2) or (C) of section 4301.22, division (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), or (I) of section 4301.631, or section 4301.64 or 4301.67 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 371
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If an offender who violates section 4301.64 of the Revised Code was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the offense, the court, in addition to any other penalties it imposes upon the offender, shall suspend the offender's temporary instruction permit, probationary driver's license, or driver's license for a period of not less than six months and not more than one year. If the offender is fifteen years and six months of age or older and has not been issued a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's license, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued such a license or permit for a period of six months. If the offender has not attained the age of fifteen years and six months, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued a temporary instruction permit until the offender attains the age of sixteen years. 375
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(C) Whoever violates division (D) of section 4301.21, section 389
4301.251, 4301.58, 4301.59, 4301.60, 4301.633, 4301.66, 4301.68, 390
or 4301.74, division (B), (C), (D), (E)(1), or (F) of section 391
4301.69, or division (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), or (I) of section 392
4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the 393
first degree. 394

If an offender who violates division (E)(1) of section 395
4301.69 of the Revised Code was under the age of eighteen years at 396
the time of the offense and the offense occurred while the 397
offender was the operator of or a passenger in a motor vehicle, 398
the court, in addition to any other penalties it imposes upon the 399
offender, shall suspend the offender's temporary instruction 400
permit or probationary driver's license for a period of not less 401
than six months and not more than one year. If the offender is 402
fifteen years and six months of age or older and has not been 403
issued a temporary instruction permit or probationary driver's 404
license, the offender shall not be eligible to be issued such a 405
license or permit for a period of six months. If the offender has 406
not attained the age of fifteen years and six months, the offender 407
shall not be eligible to be issued a temporary instruction permit 408
until the offender attains the age of sixteen years. 409

(D) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4301.14, or 410
division (A)(1) or (3) or (B) of section 4301.22 of the Revised 411
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. 412

(E) Whoever violates section 4301.63 or division (B) of 413
section 4301.631 of the Revised Code shall be fined not less than 414
twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars. The court imposing 415
a fine for a violation of section 4301.63 or division (B) of 416
section 4301.631 of the Revised Code may order that the fine be 417
paid by the performance of public work at a reasonable hourly rate 418
established by the court. The court shall designate the time 419
within which the public work shall be completed. 420

(F)(1) Whoever violates section 4301.634 of the Revised Code 421
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. If, in committing 422
a first violation of that section, the offender presented to the 423
permit holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, 424
fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious 425
driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's 426
license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is 427
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not 428
less than two hundred fifty and not more than one thousand 429
dollars, and may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not 430
more than six months. 431

(2) On a second violation in which, for the second time, the 432
offender presented to the permit holder or the permit holder's 433
employee or agent a false, fictitious, or altered identification 434
card, a false or fictitious driver's license purportedly issued by 435
any state, or a driver's license issued by any state that has been 436
altered, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first 437
degree and shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than 438
one thousand dollars, and may be sentenced to a term of 439
imprisonment of not more than six months. The court also may 440
impose a class seven suspension of the offender's driver's or 441
commercial driver's license or permit or nonresident operating 442
privilege from the range specified in division (A)(7) of section 443
4510.02 of the Revised Code. 444

(3) On a third or subsequent violation in which, for the 445
third or subsequent time, the offender presented to the permit 446
holder or the permit holder's employee or agent a false, 447
fictitious, or altered identification card, a false or fictitious 448
driver's license purportedly issued by any state, or a driver's 449
license issued by any state that has been altered, the offender is 450
guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree and shall be fined not 451
less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, and may 452

be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six 453
months. The court also shall impose a class six suspension of the 454
offender's driver's or commercial driver's license or permit or 455
nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in 456
division (A)(6) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code, and the 457
court may order that the suspension or denial remain in effect 458
until the offender attains the age of twenty-one years. The court 459
also may order the offender to perform a determinate number of 460
hours of community service, with the court determining the actual 461
number of hours and the nature of the community service the 462
offender shall perform. 463

(G) Whoever violates section 4301.636 of the Revised Code is 464
guilty of a felony of the fifth degree. 465

(H) Whoever violates division (A)(1) of section 4301.22 of 466
the Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor, shall be fined not 467
less than five hundred and not more than one thousand dollars, 468
and, in addition to the fine, may be imprisoned for a definite 469
term of not more than sixty days. 470

(I) Whoever violates division (A) of section 4301.69 or 471
division (H) of section 4301.691 of the Revised Code is guilty of 472
a misdemeanor, shall be fined not less than five hundred and not 473
more than one thousand dollars, and, in addition to the fine, may 474
be imprisoned for a definite term of not more than six months. 475

(J) Whoever violates division (B) of section 4301.65 of the 476
Revised Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree. For a 477
second or subsequent violation occurring within a period of five 478
consecutive years after the first violation, a person is guilty of 479
a misdemeanor of the first degree. 480

Sec. 4303.29. (A) No permit, other than an H permit, shall be 481
issued to a firm or partnership unless all the members of the firm 482

or partnership are citizens of the United States and a majority 483
have resided in this state for one year prior to application for 484
the permit. No permit, other than an H permit, shall be issued to 485
an individual who is not a citizen of the United States who has 486
resided in this state for at least one year prior to application 487
for the permit. No permit, other than an E or H permit, shall be 488
issued to any corporation organized under the laws of any country, 489
territory, or state other than this state until it has furnished 490
the division of liquor control with evidence that it has complied 491
with the laws of this state relating to the transaction of 492
business in this state. 493

The division may refuse to issue any permit to or refuse to 494
renew any permit of any person convicted of any felony that is 495
reasonably related to the person's fitness to operate a liquor 496
permit business in this state. No holder of a permit shall sell, 497
assign, transfer, or pledge the permit without the written consent 498
of the division. 499

~~(B)(1) No more than one of each type of C or D permit shall 500
be issued to any one person, firm, or corporation in any county 501
having a population of less than twenty five thousand, and no more 502
than one of each type of C or D permit shall be issued to any one 503
person, firm, or corporation for any additional twenty five 504
thousand or major fraction thereof in any county having a greater 505
population than twenty five thousand, provided that, in the case 506
of D-3, D-3a, D-4, and D-5 permits, no more than one permit shall 507
be issued to any one person, firm, or corporation in any county 508
having a population of less than fifty thousand, and no more than 509
one such permit shall be issued to any one person, firm, or 510
corporation for any additional fifty thousand or major fraction 511
thereof in any county having a greater population than fifty 512
thousand. 513~~

~~(2) No D-3 permit shall be issued to any club unless the club 514~~

has been continuously engaged in the activity specified in section 515
4303.15 of the Revised Code, as a qualification for that class of 516
permit, for two years at the time the permit is issued. 517

~~(3)~~(2)(a) Subject to division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of this section, 518
upon application by properly qualified persons, one C-1 and C-2 519
permit shall be issued for each one thousand population or part of 520
that population, and one D-1 and D-2 permit shall be issued for 521
each two thousand population or part of that population, in each 522
municipal corporation and in the unincorporated area of each 523
township. 524

Subject to division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of this section, not more 525
than one D-3, D-4, or D-5 permit shall be issued for each two 526
thousand population or part of that population in any municipal 527
corporation and in the unincorporated area of any township, except 528
that, in any city of a population of fifty-five thousand or more, 529
one D-3 permit may be issued for each fifteen hundred population 530
or part of that population. 531

(b)(i) Division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(a) of this section does not 532
prohibit the transfer of location or the transfer of ownership and 533
location of a C-1, C-2, D-1, D-2, D-3, or D-5 permit from a 534
municipal corporation or the unincorporated area of a township in 535
which the number of permits of that class exceeds the number of 536
such permits authorized to be issued under division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(a) 537
of this section to an economic development project located in 538
another municipal corporation or the unincorporated area of 539
another township in which no additional permits of that class may 540
be issued to the applicant under division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(a) of this 541
section, but the transfer of location or transfer of ownership and 542
location of the permit may occur only if the applicant notifies 543
the municipal corporation or township to which the location of the 544
permit will be transferred regarding the transfer and that 545
municipal corporation or township acknowledges in writing to the 546

division of liquor control, at the time the application for the 547
transfer of location or transfer of ownership and location of the 548
permit is filed, that the transfer will be to an economic 549
development project. This acknowledgment by the municipal 550
corporation or township does not prohibit it from requesting a 551
hearing under section 4303.26 of the Revised Code. The applicant 552
is eligible to apply for and receive the transfer of location of 553
the permit under division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of this section if all 554
permits of that class that may be issued under division 555
(B)~~(3)~~(2)(a) of this section in the applicable municipal 556
corporation or unincorporated area of the township have already 557
been issued or if the number of applications filed for permits of 558
that class in that municipal corporation or the unincorporated 559
area of that township exceed the number of permits of that class 560
that may be issued there under division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(a) of this 561
section. 562

A permit transferred under division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of this 563
section may be subsequently transferred to a different owner at 564
the same location, or to the same owner or a different owner at a 565
different location in the same municipal corporation or in the 566
unincorporated area of the same township, as long as the same or 567
new location meets the economic development project criteria set 568
forth in this section. 569

(ii) Factors that shall be used to determine the designation 570
of an economic development project include, but are not limited 571
to, architectural certification of the plans and the cost of the 572
project, the number of jobs that will be created by the project, 573
projected earnings of the project, projected tax revenues for the 574
political subdivisions in which the project will be located, and 575
the amount of financial investment in the project. The 576
superintendent of liquor control shall determine whether the 577
existing or proposed business that is seeking a permit described 578

in division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of this section qualifies as an economic 579
development project and, if the superintendent determines that it 580
so qualifies, shall designate the business as an economic 581
development project. 582

~~(4)~~(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict 583
the issuance of a permit to a municipal corporation for use at a 584
municipally owned airport at which commercial airline companies 585
operate regularly scheduled flights on which space is available to 586
the public. A municipal corporation applying for a permit for such 587
a municipally owned airport is exempt, in regard to that 588
application, from the population restrictions contained in this 589
section and from population quota restrictions contained in any 590
rule of the liquor control commission. A municipal corporation 591
applying for a D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, or D-5 permit for such a 592
municipally owned airport is subject to section 4303.31 of the 593
Revised Code. 594

~~(5)~~(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 595
the issuance of a D permit to the board of trustees of a soldiers' 596
memorial for a premises located at a soldiers' memorial 597
established pursuant to Chapter 345. of the Revised Code. An 598
application for a D permit by the board for those premises is 599
exempt from the population restrictions contained in this section 600
and from the population quota restrictions contained in any rule 601
of the liquor control commission. The location of a D permit 602
issued to the board for those premises shall not be transferred. A 603
board of trustees of a soldiers' memorial applying for a D-1, D-2, 604
D-3, D-4, or D-5 permit for the soldiers' memorial is subject to 605
section 4303.31 of the Revised Code. 606

~~(6)~~(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict 607
the issuance of a permit for a premises located at a golf course 608
owned by a municipal corporation, township, or county, owned by a 609
park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, or 610

owned by the state. The location of such a permit issued on or 611
after September 26, 1984, for a premises located at such a golf 612
course shall not be transferred. Any application for such a permit 613
is exempt from the population quota restrictions contained in this 614
section and from the population quota restrictions contained in 615
any rule of the liquor control commission. A municipal 616
corporation, township, county, park district, or state agency 617
applying for a D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, or D-5 permit for such a golf 618
course is subject to section 4303.31 of the Revised Code. 619

~~(7)~~(6) As used in division (B)~~(7)~~(6) of this section, "fair" 620
has the same meaning as in section 991.01 of the Revised Code; 621
"state fairgrounds" means the property that is held by the state 622
for the purpose of conducting fairs, expositions, and exhibits and 623
that is maintained and managed by the Ohio expositions commission 624
under section 991.03 of the Revised Code; "capitol square" has the 625
same meaning as in section 105.41 of the Revised Code; and "Ohio 626
judicial center" means the site of the Ohio supreme court and its 627
grounds. 628

Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the 629
issuance of one or more D permits to one or more applicants for 630
all or a part of the state fairgrounds, capitol square, or the 631
Ohio judicial center. An application for a D permit for the state 632
fairgrounds, capitol square, or the Ohio judicial center is exempt 633
from the population quota restrictions contained in this section 634
and from the population quota restrictions contained in any rule 635
of the liquor control commission. The location of a D permit 636
issued for the state fairgrounds, capitol square, or the Ohio 637
judicial center shall not be transferred. An applicant for a D-1, 638
D-2, D-3, or D-5 permit for the state fairgrounds is not subject 639
to section 4303.31 of the Revised Code. 640

Pursuant to section 1711.09 of the Revised Code, the holder 641
of a D permit issued for the state fairgrounds shall not deal in 642

spirituous liquor at the state fairgrounds during, or for one week 643
before or for three days after, any fair held at the state 644
fairgrounds. 645

~~(8)~~(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit 646
the issuance of a D permit for a premises located at a zoological 647
park at which sales have been approved in an election held under 648
former section 4301.356 of the Revised Code. An application for a 649
D permit for such a premises is exempt from the population 650
restrictions contained in this section, from the population quota 651
restrictions contained in any rule of the liquor control 652
commission, and from section 4303.31 of the Revised Code. The 653
location of a D permit issued for a premises at such a zoological 654
park shall not be transferred, and no quota or other restrictions 655
shall be placed on the number of D permits that may be issued for 656
a premises at such a zoological park. 657

(C)(1) No D-3, D-4, D-5, or D-5a permit shall be issued in 658
any election precinct in any municipal corporation or in any 659
election precinct in the unincorporated area of any township, in 660
which at the November, 1933, election a majority of the electors 661
voting thereon in the municipal corporation or in the 662
unincorporated area of the township voted against the repeal of 663
Section 9 of Article XV, Ohio Constitution, unless the sale of 664
spirituous liquor by the glass is authorized by a majority vote of 665
the electors voting on the question in the precinct at an election 666
held pursuant to this section or by a majority vote of the 667
electors of the precinct voting on question (C) at a special local 668
option election held in the precinct pursuant to section 4301.35 669
of the Revised Code. Upon the request of an elector, the board of 670
elections of the county that encompasses the precinct shall 671
furnish the elector with a copy of the instructions prepared by 672
the secretary of state under division (P) of section 3501.05 of 673
the Revised Code and, within fifteen days after the request, a 674

certificate of the number of signatures required for a valid 675
petition under this section. 676

Upon the petition of thirty-five per cent of the total number 677
of voters voting in any such precinct for the office of governor 678
at the preceding general election, filed with the board of 679
elections of the county in which such precinct is located not 680
later than seventy-five days before a general election, the board 681
shall prepare ballots and hold an election at such general 682
election upon the question of allowing spirituous liquor to be 683
sold by the glass in such precinct. The ballots shall be approved 684
in form by the secretary of state. The results of the election 685
shall be certified by the board to the secretary of state, who 686
shall certify the results to the division. 687

(2) No holder of a class D-3 permit issued for a boat or 688
vessel shall sell spirituous liquor in any precinct, in which the 689
election provided for in this section may be held, unless the sale 690
of spirituous liquor by the drink has been authorized by vote of 691
the electors as provided in this section or in section 4301.35 of 692
the Revised Code. 693

(D) Any holder of a C or D permit whose permit premises were 694
purchased in 1986 or 1987 by the state or any state agency for 695
highway purposes shall be issued the same permit at another 696
location notwithstanding any quota restrictions contained in this 697
chapter or in any rule of the liquor control commission. 698

Sec. 4303.292. (A) The division of liquor control may refuse 699
to issue, transfer the ownership of, or renew, and shall refuse to 700
transfer the location of, any retail permit issued under this 701
chapter if it finds either of the following: 702

(1) That the applicant, or any partner, member, officer, 703
director, or manager of the applicant, or, if the applicant is a 704

corporation or limited liability company, any shareholder owning 705
five per cent or more of the applicant's capital stock in the 706
corporation or any member owning five per cent or more of either 707
the voting interests or membership interests in the limited 708
liability company: 709

(a) Has been convicted at any time of a crime that relates to 710
fitness to operate a liquor establishment; 711

(b) Has operated liquor permit businesses in a manner that 712
demonstrates a disregard for the laws, regulations, or local 713
ordinances of this state or any other state; 714

(c) Has misrepresented a material fact in applying to the 715
division for a permit; or 716

(d) Is in the habit of using alcoholic beverages or dangerous 717
drugs to excess, or is addicted to the use of narcotics. 718

(2) That the place for which the permit is sought: 719

(a) Does not conform to the building, safety, or health 720
requirements of the governing body of the county or municipal 721
corporation in which the place is located. As used in division 722
(A)(2)(a) of this section, "building, safety, or health 723
requirements" does not include local zoning ordinances. The 724
validity of local zoning regulations shall not be affected by this 725
section. 726

(b) Is so constructed or arranged that law enforcement 727
officers and duly authorized agents of the division are prevented 728
from reasonable access to rooms within which beer or intoxicating 729
liquor is to be sold or consumed; 730

(c) Is so located with respect to the neighborhood that 731
substantial interference with public decency, sobriety, peace, or 732
good order would result from the issuance, renewal, transfer of 733
location, or transfer of ownership of the permit and operation 734

under it by the applicant; or

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(d) Has been declared a nuisance pursuant to Chapter 3767. of
the Revised Code since the time of the most recent issuance,
renewal, or transfer of ownership or location of the liquor
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(B) The division of liquor control may refuse to issue or
transfer the ownership of, and shall refuse to transfer the
location of, any retail permit issued under this chapter if it
finds either of the following:

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(1) That the place for which the permit is sought is so
situated with respect to any school, church, library, public
playground, or hospital that the operation of the liquor
establishment will substantially and adversely affect or interfere
with the normal, orderly conduct of the affairs of those
facilities or institutions;

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(2) That the number of permits already existent in the
neighborhood is such that the issuance or transfer of location of
a permit would be detrimental to and substantially interfere with
the morals, safety, or welfare of the public. In reaching a
conclusion in this respect, the division shall consider, in light
of the purposes of this chapter and Chapters 4301. and 4399. of
the Revised Code, the character and population of the
neighborhood, the number and location of similar permits in the
neighborhood, the number and location of all other permits in the
neighborhood, and the effect the issuance or transfer of location
of a permit would have on the neighborhood.

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(C) The division of liquor control shall not transfer the
location or transfer the ownership and location of a permit under
division (B)~~(3)~~(2)(b) of section 4303.29 of the Revised Code
unless the permit is transferred to an economic development
project.

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(D) The division of liquor control shall refuse to issue, 766
renew, transfer the ownership of, or transfer the location of a 767
retail permit under this chapter if the applicant is or has been 768
convicted of a violation of division (C)(1) of section 2913.46 of 769
the Revised Code. 770

(E) The division of liquor control shall refuse to transfer 771
the ownership of or transfer the location of a retail permit under 772
this chapter while criminal proceedings are pending against the 773
holder of the permit for a violation of division (C)(1) of section 774
2913.46 of the Revised Code. The department of public safety shall 775
notify the division whenever criminal proceedings have commenced 776
for a violation of division (C)(1) of section 2913.46 of the 777
Revised Code. 778

(F) The division of liquor control shall refuse to issue, 779
renew, or transfer the ownership or location of a retail permit 780
under this chapter if the applicant has been found to be 781
maintaining a nuisance under section 3767.05 of the Revised Code 782
at the premises for which the issuance, renewal, or transfer of 783
ownership or location of the retail permit is sought. 784

Section 2. That existing sections 4301.17, 4301.62, 4301.69, 785
4301.99, 4303.29, and 4303.292 and section 4303.273 of the Revised 786
Code are hereby repealed. 787