**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-555, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMIT ALLOWING LICENSED WINERIES, BREWERIES, AND MICRO-DISTILLERIES TO SELL THEIR WINE, BEER, AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AT FESTIVALS AND TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF THESE PRODUCTS AT FESTIVALS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-721, SO AS TO PERMIT LICENSED WINERIES TO OBTAIN WINERY FESTIVAL PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 61-4-555; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-970, SO AS TO PERMIT LICENSED BREWERIES TO OBTAIN BREWERY FESTIVAL PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 61-4-555; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1155, SO AS TO PERMIT LICENSED MICRO-DISTILLERIES TO OBTAIN MICRO-DISTILLERY FESTIVAL PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 61-4-555.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-4-555. (A)(1) The South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue festival permits running for a period not to exceed the length of the festival to licensed breweries, wineries, and micro-distilleries in the State. These festival permits may be issued for festivals including but not limited to wine festivals, beer festivals, alcoholic liquor festivals, street festivals, holiday festivals, agricultural festivals, and other similar events approved by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(2) The department shall require the brewery, winery, or micro-distillery to complete the law enforcement notification provision contained in an application form and submit it with the application. The law enforcement notification provision shall be prepared by the department for inclusion in the application and, at a minimum, must contain sufficient information to inform the department that either the chief of police, if the event is located within the city limits, or the county sheriff has been notified of the festival permit application and given an opportunity to object.

(B) Each brewery, winery, or micro-distillery shall pay all festival entry fees and each shall have a designated representative present during the festival.

(C) Each winery that obtains a permit in accordance with this section shall be authorized to sell its wine and to provide samples for consumption at the festival for which the permit is obtained.

(D) Each brewery that obtains a permit in accordance with this section shall be authorized to sell its beer and provide samples for consumption at the festival for which the permit is obtained.

(E) Each micro-distillery that obtains a permit in accordance with this section shall be authorized to sell its alcoholic liquors and provide samples for consumption at the festival for which the permit is obtained.”

SECTION 2. Article 7, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-4-721. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed winery located in this State may obtain a winery festival permit in accordance with Section 61-4-555.”

SECTION 3. Article 9, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-4-970. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed brewery located in this State may obtain a brewery festival permit in accordance with Section 61-4-555.”

SECTION 4. Subarticle 11, Article 3, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-6-1155. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a licensed micro-distillery located in this State may obtain a micro-distillery festival permit in accordance with Section 61-4-555.”

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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