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2	An act relating to tied house regulation; amending s.
3	561.42, F.S.; authorizing the Division of Alcoholic
4	Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business
5	and Professional Regulation to impose administrative
6	sanctions for violations of specified provisions of
7	the Beverage Law under certain circumstances;
8	prohibiting licensees from possessing or using certain
9	coupons for malt beverages; removing a provision
10	prohibiting distributors of beer from furnishing
11	certain coupons to consumers; providing an effective
12	date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Subsections (8) and (12) of section 561.42,
17	Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (13) and (14) are
18	added to that section, to read:
19	561.42 Tied house evil; financial aid and assistance to
20	vendor by manufacturer, distributor, importer, primary American
21	source of supply, brand owner or registrant, or any broker,
22	sales agent, or sales person thereof, prohibited; procedure for
23	enforcement; exception
24	(8) The division may <u>adopt</u> <del>establish</del> rules and require
25	reports to enforce, and may impose administrative sanctions for
26	any violation of, the limitations established in this section
27	herein-established limitation on upon credits, coupons, and
28	other forms of assistance. <del>Nothing herein shall be taken to</del>
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29 affect the provisions of s. 563.08, but shall govern all other 30 sales of intoxicating liquors.

(12) Any manufacturer, distributor, importer, primary 31 32 American source of supply, or brand owner or registrant, or any 33 broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, may give, lend, 34 furnish, or sell to a vendor who sells the products of such manufacturer, distributor, importer, primary American source of 35 36 supply, or brand owner or registrant any of the following: neon 37 or electric signs, window painting and decalcomanias, posters, placards, and other advertising material herein authorized to be 38 39 used or displayed by the vendor in the interior of his or her 40 licensed premises.

41 (13) A licensee under the Beverage Law may not possess or 42 use, in physical or electronic format, any type of malt beverage 43 coupon or malt beverage cross-merchandising coupon in this 44 state, where:

45 (a) The coupon is produced, sponsored, or furnished,
46 whether directly or indirectly, by an alcohol beverage
47 manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand
48 registrant or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof;
49 and

50 (b) The coupon is or purports to be redeemable by a vendor 51 or other person who sells malt beverages to consumers in the 52 state.

53 <u>(14)</u> The division shall <u>adopt</u> make reasonable rules 54 governing promotional displays and advertising, which rules 55 shall not conflict with or be more stringent than the federal 56 regulations pertaining to such promotional displays and

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57 advertising furnished to vendors by distributors, manufacturers, 58 importers, primary American sources of supply, or brand owners 59 or registrants, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person 60 thereof; provided, however, that:

61 If a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, (a) 62 or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, provides a vendor with 63 64 expendable retailer advertising specialties such as trays, coasters, mats, menu cards, napkins, cups, glasses, 65 thermometers, and the like, such items shall be sold at a price 66 not less than the actual cost to the industry member who 67 68 initially purchased them, without limitation in total dollar 69 value of such items sold to a vendor.

(b) Without limitation in total dollar value of such items provided to a vendor, a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent, or sales person thereof, may rent, loan without charge for an indefinite duration, or sell durable retailer advertising specialties such as clocks, pool table lights, and the like, which bear advertising matter.

77 If a manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, (C) 78 or brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales 79 agent, or sales person thereof, provides a vendor with consumer 80 advertising specialties such as ashtrays, T-shirts, bottle 81 openers, shopping bags, and the like, such items shall be sold 82 at a price not less than the actual cost to the industry member 83 who initially purchased them, but may be sold without limitation in total value of such items sold to a vendor. 84

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(d) A manufacturer, distributor, importer, brand owner, or
brand registrant of malt beverage, or any broker, sales agent,
or sales person thereof, may provide consumer advertising
specialties described in paragraph (c) to consumers on any
vendor's licensed premises.

90 (e) Coupons redeemable by vendors shall not be furnished
 91 by distributors of beer to consumers.

92 <u>(e) (f)</u> Manufacturers, distributors, importers, brand 93 owners, or brand registrants of beer, and any broker, sales 94 agent, or sales person thereof, shall not conduct any sampling 95 activities that include tasting of their product at a vendor's 96 premises licensed for off-premises sales only.

97 <u>(f)(g)</u> Manufacturers, distributors, importers, brand 98 owners, or brand registrants of beer, and any broker, sales 99 agent, or sales person thereof, shall not engage in cooperative 100 advertising with vendors.

(q) (h) Distributors of beer may sell to vendors draft 101 equipment and tapping accessories at a price not less than the 102 cost to the industry member who initially purchased them, except 103 104 there is no required charge, and a distributor may exchange any 105 parts which are not compatible with a competitor's system and 106 are necessary to dispense the distributor's brands. A 107 distributor of beer may furnish to a vendor at no charge 108 replacement parts of nominal intrinsic value, including, but not 109 limited to, washers, gaskets, tail pieces, hoses, hose 110 connections, clamps, plungers, and tap markers. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013. 111

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