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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s.  
3       561.14, F.S.; revising the classification of a  
4       specified distributor; requiring distributors licensed  
5       to sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits to  
6       sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits to all  
7       persons licensed or registered to sell such beverages;  
8       requiring a specified distributor to sell and  
9       distribute wine or distilled spirits in like  
10      quantities and prices and to provide like delivery  
11      services to all persons licensed or registered to sell  
12      them; revising the classification of a specified  
13      vendor; removing a requirement that purchases of  
14      alcoholic beverages by vendors from vendors must be  
15      strictly limited to certain vendor pool buying groups;  
16      providing that a vendor may sell to any person  
17      alcoholic beverages on which excise taxes are paid  
18      without being licensed by the division as a  
19      distributor; providing an effective date.

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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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23       Section 1. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 561.14,  
24 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

25       561.14 License and registration classification.—Licenses  
26 and registrations referred to in the Beverage Law shall be  
27 classified as follows:

28       (2) Distributors licensed to sell and distribute alcoholic  
29 beverages for resale ~~at wholesale~~ to persons who are licensed or

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30 registered to sell alcoholic beverages. Distributors licensed to  
31 sell and distribute wine or distilled spirits shall sell and  
32 distribute wine or distilled spirits to all persons who are  
33 licensed or registered to sell such beverages. Subject to s.  
34 561.42(3), (4), and (5), distributors who are licensed to sell  
35 and distribute wine or distilled spirits must sell and  
36 distribute such wine or distilled spirits in like quantities and  
37 prices and must provide like delivery services to all persons  
38 who are licensed or registered to sell them, unless otherwise  
39 expressly prohibited by the Beverage Law.

40 (3) Vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages on which a  
41 distributor has paid or will pay excise taxes at retail only. A  
42 ~~No~~ vendor may not shall purchase or acquire ~~in any manner~~ for  
43 the purpose of resale any alcoholic beverages from a any person  
44 who is not licensed as a vendor, ~~manufacturer, bottler,~~ or  
45 distributor under the Beverage Law unless otherwise authorized.  
46 Purchases of alcoholic beverages by vendors from vendors also  
47 include shall be strictly limited to purchases between members  
48 of a pool buying group if for which the initial purchase of the  
49 alcoholic beverages was ordered by a pool buying agent as a  
50 single transaction. A No vendor may not shall be a member of  
51 more than one cooperative or pool buying group at any time. A No  
52 vendor may not shall import, or engage in the importation of,  
53 any alcoholic beverages from places beyond the limits of the  
54 state. A vendor may sell alcoholic beverages on which excise  
55 taxes are paid to any person without being licensed by the  
56 division as a distributor.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.