1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to malt beverages; amending s. 561.01, 3 F.S.; defining the term "barrel"; amending s. 561.221 4 and 563.02, F.S.; revising the unit of measurement 5 used for certain licensing and fee purposes; creating 6 s. 563.042, F.S.; providing definitions; authorizing 7 certain manufacturers to enter into contract brewing 8 and alternating proprietorship brewing agreements; 9 providing responsibilities and requirements of parties under such agreements; prohibiting specified parties 10 11 from participating in such agreements; amending s. 563.045, F.S.; providing that the annual registration 12 13 fee is required only if labels or brands are sold to a distributor; specifying that no other registration fee 14 15 is authorized; providing an effective date. 16 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 1. Subsection (22) is added to section 561.01, 20 Florida Statutes, to read: 21 561.01 Definitions.—As used in the Beverage Law: (22) "Barrel" means a quantity of 31 gallons. 22 23 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 24 561.221, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 25 561.221 Licensing of manufacturers and distributors as

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vendors and of vendors as manufacturers; conditions and limitations.—

- (3)(a) Notwithstanding other provisions of the Beverage Law, any vendor licensed in this state may be licensed as a manufacturer of malt beverages upon a finding by the division that:
- 1. The vendor will be engaged in brewing malt beverages at a single location and in an amount which will not exceed 5,000 barrels of beer 10,000 kegs per year. For purposes of this subsection, the term "keg" means 15.5 gallons.
- 2. The malt beverages so brewed will be sold to consumers for consumption on the vendor's licensed premises or on contiguous licensed premises owned by the vendor.
- Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 563.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 563.02 License fees; vendors; manufacturers and distributors.—
- (2) Each manufacturer engaged in the business of brewing only malt beverages shall pay an annual state license tax of \$3,000 for each plant or branch he or she may operate. However, each manufacturer engaged in the business of brewing less than 5,000 barrels 10,000 kegs of malt beverages annually for consumption on the premises pursuant to s. 561.221(3) shall pay an annual state license tax of \$500 for each plant or branch.
 - Section 4. Section 563.042, Florida Statutes, is created

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51	to read:
52	563.042 Contract and Alternating Proprietorship Brewing
53	(1) As used in this section the term:
54	(a) "Alternating proprietorship brewing" means an
55	agreement between a guest brewer and host brewer wherein the
56	guest brewer manufactures malt beverages on the host brewer's
57	licensed premises.
58	(b) "Contract brewer" means a licensed manufacturer of
59	malt beverages who brews malt beverages on its licensed premises
60	for a contracting brewer.
61	(c) "Contract brewing" means an agreement wherein a
62	contracting brewer pays a contract brewer to produce malt
63	beverages.
64	(d) "Contracting brewer" means a licensed manufacturer of
65	malt beverages who contracts for the services of a contract
66	brewer.
67	(e) "Guest brewer" means a licensed manufacturer of malt
68	beverages who brews malt beverages at a host brewer's licensed
69	premises.
70	(f) "Host brewer" means a licensed manufacturer of malt
71	beverages who allows a guest brewer to brew malt beverages on
72	the manufacturer's licensed premises.
73	(2) The contract brewer:
74	(a) May enter into multiple contract brewing agreements
75	for the purpose of manufacturing malt beverages.

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	(b)	Shall	comply	with	all	applicable	federal	and	state
laws,	incl	luding	labeli	ng la	ws.				

- (c) Shall pay all federal and state taxes on malt beverages manufactured pursuant to this section upon removal of the malt beverages from its licensed premises.
- (d) Retains title to malt beverages produced under a contract brewing agreement until such beverages are removed from its licensed premises.
- (e) Shall ensure that the contracting brewer's malt beverages remain separate and identifiable from all other malt beverages at all times.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage

 Law, may transfer malt beverages to the contracting brewer in an amount up to the yearly production amount of the contracting brewer's facility.
- (g) Shall report to the division by the 10th day of each month the volume of each label of malt beverages manufactured on its licensed premises under the contract brewing agreement.
 - (3) The contracting brewer:

- (a) May only engage in the manufacture of malt beverages on its duly licensed premises and on the licensed premises of a contract brewer disclosed under paragraph (4)(a).
- (b) Shall report to the division by the 10th day of each month the volume of each label of malt beverages manufactured on the licensed premises of the contract brewer under the contract

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101	brewing agreement.
102	(4) The contract brewer and contracting brewer:
103	(a) Must, before engaging in contract brewing, notify the
104	division, on forms provided by the division, of their intent to
105	operate as a contract brewer or contracting brewer and disclose
106	the location of the licensed premises where brewing will occur.
107	(b) Shall maintain all records required to be kept by
108	manufacturers of malt beverages under the Beverage Law.
109	(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Beverage
110	Law, shall comply with s. 561.221(2)(c).
111	(5) The host brewer shall report to the division by the
112	10th day of each month the volume of each label of malt
113	beverages manufactured on its licensed premises under the
114	alternating proprietorship brewing agreement.
115	(6) The guest brewer:
116	(a) Shall comply with all applicable federal and state
117	laws, including labeling laws.
118	(b) Shall pay all federal and state taxes on malt
119	beverages manufactured pursuant to this section upon removal of
120	the malt beverages from the host brewer's licensed premises.
121	(c) Retains title to malt beverages manufactured under an
122	alternating proprietorship brewing agreement.
123	(d) Shall report to the division by the 10th day of each
124	month the volume of each label of malt beverages manufactured at

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each licensed premises under each alternating proprietorship

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126	brewing agreement.
127	(7) Before engaging in alternating proprietorship brewing,
128	the host brewer and guest brewer:
129	(a) Must each qualify as a brewer with the Alcohol and
130	Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau under the U.S. Department of the
131	Treasury.
132	(b) Shall submit to the division, on forms provided by the
133	division, information identifying:
134	1. The host brewer.
135	2. The guest brewer.
136	3. The location where the alternating proprietorship
137	brewing will take place.
138	4. The location where any product brewed pursuant to the
139	alternating proprietorship brewing agreement will be stored.
140	5. The amount of malt beverages to be produced under the
141	alternating proprietorship brewing agreement.
142	6. The timeframe in which the guest brewer will be
143	manufacturing malt beverages on the host brewer's licensed
144	premises.
145	7. Proof of occupancy rights to the host brewer's licensed
146	premises for the duration of the alternating proprietorship
147	brewing agreement.
148	8. Any other information reasonably deemed necessary by
149	the division to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the

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public or to ensure that all applicable taxes on the malt

151	beverages produced pursuant to an alternating proprietorship
152	brewing agreement are remitted to the state.
153	(8) Each entity engaged in the activities described in
154	this section shall maintain records including:
155	(a) Any agreement authorizing the manufacturing and
156	transfer of malt beverages.
157	(b) Records of the total volume, in gallons, manufactured
158	as part of the agreement.
159	(c) Any other records required by the Division to ensure
160	compliance with the provisions of the Beverage Law.
161	(9) Manufacturers or vendors licensed pursuant to the s.
162	561.221(3)(a) may not engage in contract brewing or alternating
163	proprietorship brewing.
164	Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 563.045, Florida
165	Statutes, is amended to read:
166	563.045 Brands or labels to be registered; qualification
167	to do business; fee; revocation
168	(2) The each registrant shall pay an annual registration
169	fee for a brand or label sold to a distributor is $\frac{1}{2}$ \$30 for a
170	brand or label. No other annual registration fee for a brand or
171	label is authorized under this section. Any registration may be
172	suspended or revoked in the same manner as a beverage license
173	for any violation of the Beverage Law.
174	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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