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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

1. **Subsection 9(1) of the *Liquor Control Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. L-14, is amended by the deletion of the words "**by the regulations prescribe**" and the substitution of the words "**determine**".**

2. **Subsection 11(1) of the Act is amended**

(a) **in clauses (f) and (g), by the deletion of the words "**from the Commission**";**

(b) **in clause (h), by the addition of the following after subclause (i):**

(i.1) sell unopened packages of wine produced at or on behalf of the winery to other prescribed licensees to sell or serve in their licensed premises;

(c) **in clause (j), by the addition of the following after subclause (i):**

(i.1) sell unopened packages of spirits produced at or on behalf of the distillery to other prescribed licensees to sell or serve in their licensed premises;

(d) **in clause (l), by the addition of the following after subclause (i):**

(i.1) sell unopened packages of beer produced at or on behalf of the micro-brewery to other prescribed licensees to sell or serve in their licensed premises;

3. **Section 17 of the Act is amended by the addition of the following after subsection (2.3):**

Conveyance from licensed manufacturer to prescribed licensees

(2.4) It is lawful for a common carrier or an agent of a licensed winery, distillery or micro-brewery to carry or convey liquor produced by or on behalf of the winery, distillery or micro-brewery, as the case may be, to the licensed premises of a prescribed licensee to sell or serve in the licensed premises.

4. Subsection 33(2) of the Act is amended

(a) in clause (c), by the deletion of the word "or**" after the semicolon; and**

(b) by the addition of the following after clause (c):

(c.1) to the keeping or having of liquor purchased in accordance with this Act and the regulations from a licensed winery, distillery or micro-brewery; or

5. Subsection 40(5) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Possession, consumption or false claim by minor

(5) No person under the age of nineteen years shall

(a) possess or consume liquor, except as provided in this Act or the regulations; or

(b) claim to be nineteen years of age or over to obtain liquor.

6. Section 50 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

50. Taking or soliciting orders, prohibition

(1) No person shall canvass for, receive, take or solicit orders for the purchase or sale of liquor except the Commission, a vendor or a licensee, or an agent of any of these persons.

Advertising

(2) No person shall exhibit, publish or display any advertisement for or respecting liquor except the Commission, a vendor or a licensee.

Compliance with Commission requirements

(3) A vendor or licensee shall comply with any policy guidelines and terms or conditions established by the Commission respecting advertising liquor.

7. This Act comes into force on a date that may be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECTION 1 amends subsection 9(1) of the *Liquor Control Act* to provide that, subject to the Act and regulations, the Commission may determine the manner in which and the prices at which liquor may be sold.

SECTION 2 amends clauses 11(1)(f) and (g) of the Act to remove references to purchases "from the Commission" to reflect the regulatory intention to permit prescribed licensees to purchase liquor directly from licensed wineries, distilleries and micro-breweries. It also amends clauses 11(1)(h), (j) and (l) of the Act to provide for the holder of a winery license, distillery license or micro-brewery license to sell unopened packages of liquor produced at or on behalf of the winery, distillery or micro-brewery, as the case may be, directly to other prescribed licensees to sell or serve in their licensed premises.

SECTION 3 amends section 17 of the Act to add a new subsection (2.4), which provides for the lawful conveyance of liquor produced at or on behalf of a licensed winery, distillery or micro-brewery to a prescribed licensee.

SECTION 4 amends subsection 33(2) of the Act by adding a new clause (c.1), which sets out an exception to the prohibition in subsection 33(1) of the Act against possessing liquor that has not been purchased from a vendor. The exception allows for a person to keep or have liquor lawfully purchased from a licensed winery, distillery or micro-brewery.

SECTION 5 repeals and replaces subsection 40(5) of the Act to state it as a prohibition, the contravention of which is an offence under subsection 51(1) of the Act, and make the prohibition against a person under the age of nineteen years possessing or consuming liquor subject to exceptions in the Act or regulations. This will facilitate regulations allowing eighteen-year-olds to serve liquor in prescribed licensed premises in prescribed circumstances and in accordance with prescribed rules.

SECTION 6 repeals and replaces section 50 of the Act to improve and clarify the wording.

SECTION 7 provides for the commencement of this Act.

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