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HOUSE BILL

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO TAXATION; INCREASING AND INDEXING LIQUOR EXCISE TAX RATES ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS; IMPOSING A LIQUOR EXCISE SURTAX ON CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS AND PRODUCERS AND ADJUSTING THE RATE FOR INFLATION; PROVIDING THAT THE SURTAX WILL NO LONGER BE IMPOSED IF A CERTAIN MORTALITY RATE IS REDUCED TO A CERTAIN RATE FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; CHANGING CURRENT DISTRIBUTIONS OF THE LIQUOR EXCISE TAX FROM PERCENTAGES TO DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND INDEXING THE AMOUNTS FOR INFLATION; DISTRIBUTING THE REMAINDER OF THE REVENUE FROM THE LIQUOR EXCISE TAX AND ALL OF THE REVENUE FROM THE NEW LIQUOR EXCISE SURTAX TO A NEW ALCOHOL HARMS ALLEVIATION FUND; CREATING THE ALCOHOL HARMS ALLEVIATION FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

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1           SECTION 1. Section 7-1-6.40 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997,  
2 Chapter 182, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

3           "7-1-6.40. DISTRIBUTION OF LIQUOR EXCISE TAX--LOCAL DWI  
4 GRANT FUND--CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES--DRUG COURT FUND--ALCOHOL  
5 HARMS ALLEVIATION FUND--DISTRIBUTION OF THE LIQUOR EXCISE  
6 SURTAX TO THE ALCOHOL HARMS ALLEVIATION FUND.--

7           A. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA  
8 1978 [~~in an amount equal to forty-five percent~~] of the net  
9 receipts attributable to the liquor excise tax shall be made as  
10 follows:

11                           (1) prior to July 1, 2031:

12                                   (a) to the local DWI grant fund, in an  
13 amount equal to two million five hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$2,500,000) monthly;

15                                   ~~[B. A distribution pursuant to Section~~  
16 ~~7-1-6.1 NMSA 1978 of twenty thousand seven hundred fifty~~  
17 ~~dollars (\$20,750) monthly from the net receipts attributable to~~  
18 ~~the liquor excise tax shall be made]~~ (b) to a municipality  
19 that is located in a class A county and that has a population  
20 according to the most recent federal decennial census of more  
21 than thirty thousand but less than sixty thousand and shall be  
22 used by the municipality only for the provision of alcohol  
23 treatment and rehabilitation services for street inebriates, in  
24 an amount equal to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)  
25 monthly; and



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1           D. A distribution pursuant to Section 7-1-6.1 NMSA  
2           1978 shall be made to the alcohol harms alleviation fund in an  
3           amount equal to the net receipts attributable to the liquor  
4           excise surtax.

5           E. As used in this section, "consumer price index"  
6           means the consumer price index for all urban consumers  
7           published by the United States department of labor."

8           SECTION 2. Section 7-17-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1966,  
9           Chapter 49, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

10           "7-17-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Liquor Excise Tax  
11           Act:

12           A. "alcoholic beverages" means distilled or  
13           rectified spirits, potable alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin,  
14           aromatic bitters or any similar beverage, including blended or  
15           fermented beverages, dilutions or mixtures of one or more of  
16           the foregoing containing more than one-half of one percent  
17           alcohol by volume, but "alcoholic beverages" does not include  
18           medicinal bitters;

19           B. "barrel" means the equivalent of thirty-one  
20           gallons;

21           [~~B-~~] C. "beer" means an alcoholic beverage obtained  
22           by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley,  
23           malt and hops or other cereals in water and includes porter,  
24           beer, ale and stout;

25           [~~G-~~] D. "cider" means an alcoholic beverage made

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1 from the normal alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound,  
2 ripe apples or pears that contains not less than one-half of  
3 one percent of alcohol by volume and not more than eight and  
4 one-half percent of alcohol by volume;

5 E. "consumer price index" means the consumer price  
6 index for all urban consumers published by the United States  
7 department of labor;

8 F. "craft distiller" means a craft distiller  
9 licensed pursuant to Section 60-6A-6.1 NMSA 1978;

10 ~~[D-]~~ G. "department" means the taxation and revenue  
11 department, the secretary of taxation and revenue or any  
12 employee of the department exercising authority lawfully  
13 delegated to that employee by the secretary;

14 ~~[E-]~~ H. "fortified wine" means wine containing more  
15 than fourteen percent alcohol by volume when bottled or  
16 packaged by the manufacturer, but "fortified wine" does not  
17 include:

18 (1) wine that is sealed or capped by cork  
19 closure and aged two years or more;

20 (2) wine that contains more than fourteen  
21 percent alcohol by volume solely as a result of the natural  
22 fermentation process and that has not been produced with the  
23 addition of wine spirits, brandy or alcohol; or

24 (3) vermouth and sherry;

25 ~~[F-]~~ I. "microbrewer" means a person who produces

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1 less than two hundred thousand barrels of beer per year;

2 ~~[G-]~~ J. "person" includes, to the extent permitted  
3 by law, a federal, state or other governmental unit or  
4 subdivision or an agency, department, institution or  
5 instrumentality thereof;

6 ~~[H-]~~ K. "small winegrower" means a winegrower who  
7 produces less than one million five hundred thousand liters of  
8 wine in a year;

9 ~~[I-]~~ L. "spirituous liquors" means alcoholic  
10 beverages, except fermented beverages such as wine, beer, cider  
11 and ale;

12 ~~[J-]~~ M. "wholesaler" means a person holding a  
13 license issued under Section 60-6A-1 NMSA 1978 or a person  
14 selling alcoholic beverages that were not purchased from a  
15 person holding a license issued under Section 60-6A-1 NMSA  
16 1978;

17 ~~[K-]~~ N. "wine" means an alcoholic beverage other  
18 than cider that is obtained by the fermentation of the natural  
19 sugar contained in fruit or other agricultural products, with  
20 or without the addition of sugar or other products, and that  
21 does not contain more than twenty-one percent alcohol by  
22 volume; and

23 ~~[L-]~~ O. "winegrower" means a person licensed  
24 pursuant to Section 60-6A-11 NMSA 1978."

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 7-17-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993,

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1 Chapter 65, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "7-17-5. IMPOSITION AND RATE OF LIQUOR EXCISE TAX.--

3 A. There is imposed on a wholesaler who sells  
4 alcoholic beverages on which the tax imposed by this section  
5 has not been paid an excise tax, to be referred to as the  
6 "liquor excise tax", at the [following] rates provided in  
7 Subsections B through F of this section on alcoholic beverages  
8 sold.

9 ~~[(1) on spirituous liquors, except as provided~~  
10 ~~in Paragraph (9) of this subsection, one dollar sixty cents~~  
11 ~~(\$1.60) per liter;~~

12 ~~(2) on beer, except as provided in Paragraph~~  
13 ~~(5) of this subsection, forty-one cents (\$.41) per gallon;~~

14 ~~(3) on wine, except as provided in Paragraphs~~  
15 ~~(4) and (6) of this subsection, forty-five cents (\$.45) per~~  
16 ~~liter;~~

17 ~~(4) on fortified wine, one dollar fifty cents~~  
18 ~~(\$1.50) per liter;~~

19 ~~(5) on beer manufactured or produced by a~~  
20 ~~microbrewer and sold in this state, provided that proof is~~  
21 ~~furnished to the department that the beer was manufactured or~~  
22 ~~produced by a microbrewer, eight cents (\$.08) per gallon on the~~  
23 ~~first thirty thousand barrels sold, twenty-eight cents (\$.28)~~  
24 ~~per gallon for all barrels sold over thirty thousand barrels~~  
25 ~~but less than sixty thousand barrels and forty-one cents (\$.41)~~

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1 ~~per gallon for sixty thousand or more barrels sold;~~

2 ~~(6) on wine manufactured or produced by a~~  
3 ~~small winegrower and sold in this state, provided that proof is~~  
4 ~~furnished to the department that the wine was manufactured or~~  
5 ~~produced by a small winegrower:~~

6 ~~(a) ten cents (\$.10) per liter on the~~  
7 ~~first eighty thousand liters sold;~~

8 ~~(b) twenty cents (\$.20) per liter on~~  
9 ~~each liter sold over eighty thousand liters but not over nine~~  
10 ~~hundred fifty thousand liters; and~~

11 ~~(c) thirty cents (\$.30) per liter on~~  
12 ~~each liter sold over nine hundred fifty thousand liters but not~~  
13 ~~over one million five hundred thousand liters;~~

14 ~~(7) on cider, except as provided in Paragraph~~  
15 ~~(8) of this subsection, forty-one cents (\$.41) per gallon;~~

16 ~~(8) on cider manufactured or produced by a~~  
17 ~~small winegrower and sold in this state, provided that proof is~~  
18 ~~furnished to the department that the cider was manufactured or~~  
19 ~~produced by a small winegrower, eight cents (\$.08) per gallon~~  
20 ~~on the first thirty thousand barrels sold, twenty-eight cents~~  
21 ~~(\$.28) per gallon for all barrels sold over thirty thousand~~  
22 ~~barrels but less than sixty thousand barrels and forty-one~~  
23 ~~cents (\$.41) per gallon for sixty thousand or more barrels~~  
24 ~~sold; and~~

25 ~~(9) on spirituous liquors manufactured or~~

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1 ~~produced by a craft distiller licensed pursuant to Section~~  
2 ~~60-6A-6.1 NMSA 1978, provided that proof is provided to the~~  
3 ~~department that the spirituous liquors were manufactured or~~  
4 ~~produced by a craft distiller, for products up to ten percent~~  
5 ~~alcohol by volume, eight cents (\$.08) per liter for the first~~  
6 ~~two hundred fifty thousand liters sold and twenty-eight cents~~  
7  ~~(\$.28) per liter for the next two hundred fifty thousand liters~~  
8  ~~sold and for products over ten percent alcohol by volume,~~  
9  ~~thirty-two cents (\$.32) per liter on the first one hundred~~  
10  ~~seventy-five thousand liters sold and sixty-five cents (\$.65)~~  
11  ~~per liter on the next two hundred thousand liters sold.]~~

12 B. Prior to July 1, 2031, the liquor excise tax  
13 imposed on spirituous liquors is as follows:

14 (1) if manufactured or produced by a craft  
15 distiller; provided that proof is provided to the department  
16 that the spirituous liquors were manufactured or produced by a  
17 craft distiller:

18 (a) for products up to ten percent  
19 alcohol by volume: 1) eight cents (\$.08) per liter for the  
20 first two hundred fifty thousand liters sold; 2) twenty-eight  
21 cents (\$.28) per liter for the next two hundred fifty thousand  
22 liters sold; and 3) three dollars thirty-eight cents (\$3.38)  
23 for each liter sold thereafter; and

24 (b) for products over ten percent  
25 alcohol by volume: 1) thirty-two cents (\$.32) per liter on the

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1 first one hundred seventy-five thousand liters sold; 2) sixty-  
2 five cents (\$.65) per liter on the next two hundred thousand  
3 liters sold; and 3) three dollars thirty-eight cents (\$3.38)  
4 for each liter sold thereafter; and

5 (2) for all other spirituous liquors, three  
6 dollars thirty-eight cents (\$3.38) per liter sold.

7 C. Prior to July 1, 2031, the liquor excise tax  
8 imposed on beer and cider is as follows:

9 (1) if manufactured or produced by a  
10 microbrewer or small winegrower and sold in this state;  
11 provided that proof is furnished to the department that the  
12 beer or cider was manufactured or produced by a microbrewer or  
13 small winegrower:

14 (a) eight cents (\$.08) per gallon on the  
15 first thirty thousand barrels sold;

16 (b) twenty-eight cents (\$.28) per gallon  
17 for all barrels sold over thirty thousand barrels but less than  
18 sixty thousand barrels; and

19 (c) eighty-seven cents (\$.87) per gallon  
20 for sixty thousand or more barrels sold; and

21 (2) for all other beer and cider, eighty-seven  
22 cents (\$.87) per gallon sold.

23 D. Prior to July 1, 2031, the liquor excise tax  
24 imposed on wine is as follows:

25 (1) if manufactured or produced by a small

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1 winegrower and sold in this state; provided that proof is  
2 furnished to the department that the wine was manufactured or  
3 produced by a small winegrower:

4 (a) ten cents (\$.10) per liter on the  
5 first eighty thousand liters sold;

6 (b) twenty cents (\$.20) per liter on  
7 each liter sold over eighty thousand liters but not over nine  
8 hundred fifty thousand liters; and

9 (c) thirty cents (\$.30) per liter on  
10 each liter sold over nine hundred fifty thousand liters but not  
11 over one million five hundred thousand liters; and

12 (2) for all other wine, ninety-five cents  
13  (\$.95) per liter sold.

14 E. Prior to July 1, 2031, the liquor excise tax  
15 imposed on fortified wine is three dollars seventeen cents  
16  (\$.3.17) per liter sold.

17 F. No later than April 30, 2028 and April 30 of  
18 each third year thereafter, the department shall calculate the  
19 rates of the liquor excise tax to be imposed as of July 1 of  
20 that year. The rates of the liquor excise tax shall be equal  
21 to the product, rounded down to the nearest whole cent, of the  
22 rates provided in Subsections B through E of this section,  
23 multiplied by a fraction with a numerator equal to the consumer  
24 price index for the previous calendar year and a denominator  
25 equal to the consumer price index for the calendar year 2025;

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1 provided that the rate of the tax shall not be less than the  
2 rate imposed on July 1 of the previous year.

3 ~~[B-]~~ G. The volume of wine transferred from one  
4 winegrower to another winegrower for processing, bottling or  
5 storage and subsequent return to the transferor shall be  
6 excluded pursuant to Section 7-17-6 NMSA 1978 from the taxable  
7 volume of wine of the transferee. Wine transferred from an  
8 initial winegrower to a second winegrower remains a tax  
9 liability of the transferor, provided that if the wine is  
10 transferred to the transferee for the transferee's use or for  
11 resale, the transferee then assumes the liability for the tax  
12 due pursuant to this section.

13 ~~[G-]~~ H. A transfer of wine from a winegrower to a  
14 wholesaler for distribution of the wine transfers the liability  
15 for payment of the liquor excise tax to the wholesaler upon the  
16 sale of the wine by the wholesaler."

17 **SECTION 4.** A new section of the Liquor Excise Tax Act,  
18 Section 7-17-5.2 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

19 "7-17-5.2. [NEW MATERIAL] IMPOSITION AND RATE OF LIQUOR  
20 EXCISE SURTAX--CONDITION FOR REMOVAL OF IMPOSITION.--

21 A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this  
22 section, in addition to the liquor excise tax, there is imposed  
23 on a wholesaler who is not a craft distiller, microbrewer or  
24 small winegrower and who sells alcoholic beverages on which the  
25 surtax imposed by this section has not been paid an excise

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1 surtax, to be referred to as the "liquor excise surtax", at the  
2 following rates on alcoholic beverages sold:

- 3 (1) prior to July 1, 2031:
  - 4 (a) for spiritous liquor, four dollars
  - 5 fifty-one cents (\$4.51) per liter sold;
  - 6 (b) for beer and cider, two dollars
  - 7 thirteen cents (\$2.13) per gallon sold;
  - 8 (c) for wine, one dollar thirty-five
  - 9 cents (\$1.35) per liter sold; and
  - 10 (d) for fortified wine, one dollar
  - 11 ninety-three cents (\$1.93) per liter sold; and

12 (2) on and after July 1, 2031, the rates  
13 calculated pursuant to Subsection B of this section.

14 B. No later than April 30, 2028 and April 30 of  
15 each third year thereafter, the department shall calculate the  
16 rates of the liquor excise surtax to be imposed as of July 1 of  
17 that year. The rates of the liquor excise surtax shall be  
18 equal to the product, rounded down to the nearest whole cent,  
19 of the rates provided in Subsection A of this section,  
20 multiplied by a fraction with a numerator equal to the consumer  
21 price index for the previous calendar year and a denominator  
22 equal to the consumer price index for the calendar year 2025;  
23 provided that the rate of the tax shall not be less than the  
24 rate imposed on July 1 of the previous year.

25 C. If for five consecutive years the age-

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1 standardized alcohol-related mortality rate in New Mexico is  
2 reduced to less than forty persons per one hundred thousand, as  
3 determined by the department of health using an online  
4 application administered by the federal centers for disease  
5 control and prevention that provides national and state  
6 estimates of alcohol-related health impacts, including deaths  
7 and years of potential life lost, the department of health  
8 shall immediately certify to the secretary of taxation and  
9 revenue, the director of the legislative council service and  
10 the New Mexico compilation commission that this condition has  
11 been met. Beginning on the first day of the second month  
12 following the month in which the secretary of taxation and  
13 revenue receives the certification, the liquor excise surtax  
14 shall no longer be imposed."

15 SECTION 5. Section 7-17-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
16 Chapter 85, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

17 "7-17-6. DEDUCTION--INTERSTATE SALES--WINEGROWER-TO-  
18 WINEGROWER TRANSFERS.--

19 A. A wholesaler may deduct the liters of spirituous  
20 liquors, gallons of beer and liters of wine sold and shipped to  
21 a person in another state from the units of alcoholic beverages  
22 subject to the [~~tax~~] taxes imposed by the Liquor Excise Tax  
23 Act; provided that the department may require the wholesaler to  
24 submit evidence satisfactory to the department that the units  
25 have been sold and shipped to a person in another state.

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1           B. A winegrower may deduct the liters of wine  
2 transferred to the winegrower from another winegrower for  
3 processing, bottling or storage and subsequent return to the  
4 transferor from the units of wine subject to the [~~liquor excise~~  
5 ~~tax~~] taxes imposed by the Liquor Excise Tax Act on the licensed  
6 premises of the winegrower."

7           SECTION 6. Section 7-17-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1966,  
8 Chapter 49, Section 7, as amended) is amended to read:

9           "7-17-9. EXEMPTION--CERTAIN SALES TO OR BY  
10 INSTRUMENTALITIES OF ARMED FORCES.--Exempted from the [~~tax~~  
11 ~~imposed by Section 7-17-5 NMSA 1978~~] taxes imposed by the  
12 Liquor Excise Tax Act are alcoholic beverages sold to or by any  
13 instrumentality of the armed forces of the United States  
14 engaged in resale activities."

15           SECTION 7. Section 7-17-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1966,  
16 Chapter 49, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

17           "7-17-10. DATE PAYMENT DUE.--The [~~tax~~] taxes imposed by  
18 the Liquor Excise Tax Act [~~is~~] are to be paid on or before the  
19 twenty-fifth day of the month following the month in which the  
20 taxable event occurs."

21           SECTION 8. Section 7-17-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,  
22 Chapter 80, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

23           "7-17-11. REFUND OR CREDIT OF [~~TAX~~] TAXES.--The  
24 department shall allow a claim for refund or credit as provided  
25 in Sections 7-1-26 and 7-1-29 NMSA 1978 for the [~~tax imposed by~~

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1 ~~Section 7-17-5 NMSA 1978~~ taxes imposed by the Liquor Excise  
2 Tax Act and paid on alcoholic beverages destroyed in shipment,  
3 spoiled or otherwise damaged as to be unfit for sale or  
4 consumption upon submission of proof satisfactory to the  
5 department of such destruction, spoilage or damage."

6 SECTION 9. Section 7-17-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1984,  
7 Chapter 85, Section 8, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "7-17-12. INTERPRETATION OF ACT--ADMINISTRATION AND  
9 ENFORCEMENT OF ~~[TAX]~~ TAXES.--

10 A. The department shall interpret the provisions of  
11 the Liquor Excise Tax Act.

12 B. The department shall administer and enforce the  
13 collection of the ~~[liquor excise tax]~~ taxes imposed by the  
14 Liquor Excise Tax Act, and the Tax Administration Act applies  
15 to the administration and enforcement of the ~~[tax]~~ taxes."

16 SECTION 10. [NEW MATERIAL] ALCOHOL HARMS ALLEVIATION  
17 FUND.--

18 A. The "alcohol harms alleviation fund" is created  
19 as a nonreverting fund in the state treasury. The fund  
20 consists of appropriations, distributions, gifts, grants,  
21 donations and bequests made to the fund and income from  
22 investment of the fund. The department of finance and  
23 administration shall administer the fund, and money in the fund  
24 is subject to appropriation by the legislature for alcohol  
25 harms prevention, treatment and recovery services to

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1 individuals throughout New Mexico, including on lands of Indian  
2 nations, tribes and pueblos, and to individuals harmed by a  
3 person in need of those services. When appropriating the  
4 funds, the legislature shall prioritize community-based  
5 initiatives that address the needs of populations and  
6 communities that are disproportionately impacted by excessive  
7 alcohol use and are working to reduce health disparities.

8 B. Money in the fund shall be expended by warrant  
9 of the secretary of finance and administration pursuant to  
10 vouchers signed by the secretary or the secretary's authorized  
11 representative.

12 SECTION 11. Section 60-6A-11.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
13 2011, Chapter 109, Section 1) is amended to read:

14 "60-6A-11.1. DIRECT WINE SHIPMENT PERMIT--AUTHORIZATION--  
15 RESTRICTIONS.--

16 A. A licensee with a winegrower's license or a  
17 person licensed in a state other than New Mexico that holds a  
18 winery license may apply to the director for and the director  
19 may issue to the applicant a direct wine shipment permit. An  
20 application for a direct wine shipment permit shall include:

21 (1) contact information for the applicant in a  
22 form required by the department;

23 (2) an annual application fee of fifty dollars  
24 (\$50.00) if the applicant does not hold a winegrower's license;

25 (3) the number of the applicant's winegrower's

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1 license if the applicant is located in New Mexico or a copy of  
2 the applicant's winery license if the applicant is located in a  
3 state other than New Mexico; and

4 (4) any other information or documents  
5 required by the director. Upon approval of an applicant for a  
6 permit, the director shall forward to the taxation and revenue  
7 department the name of each permittee and the contact  
8 information for the permittee.

9 B. A direct wine shipment permit shall be valid for  
10 a permit year. A permittee shall renew a direct wine shipment  
11 permit annually as required by the department to continue  
12 making direct shipments of wine to New Mexico residents.

13 C. A permittee may ship:

14 (1) not more than two nine-liter cases of wine  
15 monthly to a New Mexico resident who is twenty-one years of age  
16 or older for the recipient's personal consumption or use, but  
17 not for resale; and

18 (2) wine directly to a New Mexico resident  
19 only in containers that are conspicuously labeled with the  
20 words:

21 "CONTAINS ALCOHOL  
22 SIGNATURE OF PERSON 21 YEARS OR OLDER REQUIRED  
23 FOR DELIVERY".

24 D. A permittee shall:

25 (1) register with the taxation and revenue

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1 department for the payment of the liquor excise tax, liquor  
2 excise surtax and gross receipts taxes due on the sales of wine  
3 pursuant to the permittee's activities in New Mexico;

4 (2) submit to the jurisdiction of New Mexico  
5 courts to resolve legal actions that arise from the shipping by  
6 the permittee of wine into New Mexico to New Mexico residents;

7 (3) monthly, by the twenty-fifth day of each  
8 month following the month in which the permittee was issued a  
9 direct wine shipment permit, pay to the taxation and revenue  
10 department the liquor excise tax, [~~due~~] liquor excise surtax  
11 and [~~the~~] gross receipts tax due; and

12 (4) submit to an audit by an agent of the  
13 taxation and revenue department of the permittee's records of  
14 the wine shipped pursuant to this section to New Mexico  
15 residents upon notice and during usual business hours.

16 E. As used in this section:

17 (1) "permit year" means the period between  
18 July 1 and June 30 of a year; and

19 (2) "permittee" means a person that is the  
20 holder of a direct wine shipment permit."

21 SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2026.

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