SENATE BILL NO. 697

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HENDERSON.

2569S.01I KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 312, RSMo, by adding thereto nine new sections relating to hemp businesses, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 312, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto

- 2 nine new sections, to be known as sections 312.1000, 312.1005,
- 3 312.1010, 312.1015, 312.1020, 312.1025, 312.1030, 312.1035, and
- 4 312.1040, to read as follows:

312.1000. As used in sections 312.1000 to 312.1040,

- 2 the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Department", the department of health and senior
- 4 services;
- 5 (2) "Division", the division of alcohol and tobacco
- 6 control;
- 7 (3) "Hemp beverage" or "hemp beverage product", a
- 8 beverage intended for human consumption, which does not
- 9 include cannabis flower or cannabis concentrate; and:
- (a) Contains or consists of hemp plant parts; or
- 11 (b) Contains hemp concentrate or artificially derived
- 12 cannabinoids in combination with other ingredients;
- 13 (4) "Hemp business", one of the following licensed
- 14 under sections 312.1000 to 312.1040:
- 15 (a) Hemp beverage manufacturer;
- 16 (b) Hemp beverage wholesaler; or
- 17 (c) Hemp beverage retailer.

18 "Hemp business" does not include a person or entity licensed

- 19 to grow industrial hemp for commercial or research purposes
- 20 or to process industrial hemp for commercial purposes;
- 21 (5) "Hemp concentrate":
- 22 (a) The extracts and resins of a hemp plant or hemp 23 plant parts;
- 24 (b) The extracts or resins of a hemp plant or hemp
- 25 plant parts that are refined to increase the presence of
- 26 targeted cannabinoids; or
- 27 (c) A product that is produced by refining extracts or
- 28 resins of a hemp plant or hemp plant parts and is intended
- 29 to be consumed by combustion or vaporization of the product
- and inhalation of smoke, aerosol, or vapor from the product.
- 31 "Hemp concentrate" does not include artificially derived
- 32 cannabinoids, hemp beverages, hemp-derived consumer
- 33 products, or hemp-derived topical products;
- 34 (6) "Hemp plant", all parts of the plant of the genus
- 35 Cannabis that is growing or has not been harvested and has a
- 36 delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of no more than
- 37 three-tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis;
- 38 (7) "Hemp plant parts", any part of the harvested hemp
- 39 plant, including the flower, bud, leaves, stems, and stalk,
- 40 but does not include derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids,
- 41 isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers that are
- 42 separated from the plant. "Hemp plant parts" do not include
- 43 hemp fiber products, hemp grain, or hemp seed;
- 44 (8) "Hemp seed", the viable seed of the plant of the
- 45 genus Cannabis that is intended to be planted and is
- 46 reasonably expected to grow into a hemp plant. "Hemp seed"
- 47 does not include cannabis seed or hemp grain;

- 48 (9) "Industrial hemp", the plant Cannabis sativa L.
- 49 and any part of the plant, whether growing or not, including
- 50 the plant's seeds, and all the plant's derivatives,
- 51 extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of
- 52 isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9
- 53 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than three-
- 54 tenths of one percent on a dry weight basis. Industrial
- 55 hemp is not marijuana, as defined under article XIV of the
- 56 Constitution of Missouri.
 - 312.1005. 1. The division shall issue the following
- 2 types of hemp business licenses:
- 3 (1) Hemp beverage manufacturer;
 - (2) Hemp beverage wholesaler; and
- 5 (3) Hemp beverage retailer.
- 6 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 312.1000
- 7 to 312.1040 or chapter 311 to the contrary, there shall be
- 8 no interpretations that prohibit liquor licensees from
- 9 manufacturing, distributing, or selling hemp beverage
- 10 products that comply with the provisions of sections
- 11 312.1000 to 312.1040 and any other rules adopted by the
- 12 division.

- 3. A person, cooperative, or business may hold both a
- 14 hemp beverage manufacturer and hemp beverage retailer
- 15 license, but may only operate hemp beverage retail
- operations on site at the premises in which the hemp
- 17 beverage product is manufactured.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
- 19 person, cooperative, or business holding any one of the
- 20 three types of hemp beverage licenses shall hold either of
- 21 the other two types of hemp beverage licenses and shall not
- 22 have a financial interest, either direct or indirect, in a

person, cooperative, or business holding any of the other two types of hemp beverage licenses.

- 5. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
- hemp beverage manufacturer shall sell or otherwise convey
- 27 hemp beverage products to retailers. Hemp beverage
- 28 manufacturers are authorized to solicit and sell hemp
- 29 beverage products to hemp beverage wholesalers. Hemp
- 30 beverage wholesalers are authorized to solicit and sell hemp
- 31 beverage products to hemp beverage retailers.
- 32 6. A person, cooperative, or business holding a hemp
- 33 beverage manufacturer license, a hemp beverage wholesaler
- 34 license, or a hemp beverage retailer license, or any
- 35 combination of the three, shall not hold a marijuana
- 36 facility license or a medical facility license, as such
- 37 terms are defined in article XIV of the Constitution of
- 38 Missouri.
- 39 7. No license shall be issued to a hemp beverage
- 40 retailer unless the hemp beverage retailer also has an
- 41 active license issued by the division allowing it to sell
- 42 alcoholic beverages. This restriction shall not apply to
- 43 hemp beverage manufacturers or hemp beverage wholesalers,
- 44 unless they are seeking a hemp beverage retailer license.
- 45 8. No hemp beverage wholesaler or hemp beverage
- 46 retailer shall distribute or sell any hemp beverage products
- 47 that the wholesaler or retailer knows or reasonably should
- 48 know were manufactured outside of the United States.
 - 312.1010. 1. The division, by rule, shall establish
- 2 forms and procedures for the processing of hemp licenses
- 3 issued under sections 312.1000 to 312.1040. At a minimum,
- 4 any application to obtain or renew a hemp business license
- 5 shall include the following information, if applicable:

- 6 (1) The name, address, and date of birth of the 7 applicant;
- 8 (2) The address and legal property description of the 9 business:

- 10 (3) Proof of business name registration;
- 11 (4) Certification that the applicant shall comply with 12 the requirements of sections 312.1000 to 312.1040 relating 13 to the ownership and operation of a hemp business;
- 14 (5) Identification of one or more controlling persons 15 or managerial employees as agents who shall be responsible 16 for dealing with the division on all matters; and
- 17 (6) A statement that the applicant agrees to respond 18 to the division's supplemental requests for information.
- 2. An application on behalf of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or association shall be signed by at least two officers or managing agents of that entity.
- 3. The division may issue a hemp business license to an applicant who:
- 25 Is, or is owned and managed by persons, at least 26 twenty-one years of age who has or have not been convicted 27 of a felony related to controlled substances within the previous ten years in any state or federal jurisdiction and 28 29 who is or are current in filing all applicable tax returns 30 to the department of revenue and in payment of all taxes, 31 interest, and penalties assessed by the department of 32 revenue;
- 33 (2) Has completed an application for licensure or 34 application for renewal and has fully and truthfully 35 complied with all information requests relating to license 36 application and renewal;

- 37 (3) Has paid the applicable application and license
- 38 fees. For hemp beverage manufacturers, the license fee
- 39 shall be one thousand dollars. For hemp beverage
- 40 wholesalers, the license fee shall be five hundred dollars.
- 41 For hemp beverage retailers, the license fee shall be two
- 42 hundred fifty dollars per location, and shall not exceed
- 43 five thousand dollars for an entity with multiple locations;
- 44 (4) Is not employed by the division, department, or
- 45 any other state agency with regulatory authority over
- 46 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040; and
- 47 (5) Does not hold any marijuana facility or medical
- 48 facility license, as such terms are defined in article XIV
- 49 of the Constitution of Missouri.
- 50 4. Licenses shall be renewed annually.
- 5. Licenses shall not be transferred.
- 52 6. The division shall promulgate such regulations
- 53 related to hemp business licensees for the administration of
- 54 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040 and shall design all necessary
- 55 forms. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
- defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
- 57 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
- 58 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
- 59 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
- 60 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- 61 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- 62 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 64 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- 65 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
- 66 2025, shall be invalid and void.
- 7. Whenever it shall be determined that a hemp
- 68 business licensee has violated any of the provisions of

69 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040, the supervisor of the

- 70 division may warn, place on probation on such terms and
- 71 conditions as the supervisor deems appropriate for a period
- 72 not to exceed twelve months, fine in an amount not to exceed
- 73 five thousand dollars per violation, suspend for a period
- 74 not to exceed twelve months, or revoke the license of the
- 75 licensee. The licensee shall have thirty days' notice of
- 76 the imposition of discipline and may seek a determination
- 77 thereon by the administrative hearing commission pursuant to
- 78 the provisions of section 621.045.
- 79 8. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury
- 80 the "Hemp-Derived Products Fund", which shall consist of all
- 81 fees authorized to be charged by the division under this
- 82 section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the
- 83 fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the
- 84 state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall
- 85 be a dedicated fund and money in the fund shall be used
- 86 solely by the division for the purposes of administration of
- 87 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040.
- 88 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080
- 89 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end
- 90 of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the
- 91 general revenue fund.
- 92 (3) The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the
- 93 fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any
- 94 interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
- 95 credited to the fund.
 - 312.1015. 1. A hemp beverage manufacturer license
- 2 entitles the license holder to:
- 3 (1) Purchase hemp plant parts, hemp concentrate, and
- 4 artificially derived cannabinoids from cannabis

5 manufacturers, cannabis wholesalers, and hemp beverage

- 6 manufacturers;
- 7 (2) Purchase hemp plant parts and propagules from
- 8 industrial hemp growers;
- 9 (3) Purchase hemp concentrate from industrial hemp
- 10 processors;
- 11 (4) Make hemp concentrate;
- 12 (5) Manufacture artificially derived cannabinoids;
- 13 (6) Manufacture hemp beverages for public consumption;
- 14 (7) Package and label hemp beverages for sale to
- 15 customers;
- 16 (8) Sell hemp concentrate to cannabis businesses and
- 17 other hemp businesses;
- 18 (9) Sell hemp beverage products to hemp beverage
- 19 wholesalers; and
- 20 (10) Perform any other actions approved by the
- 21 department and division.
- 22 2. All hemp beverage manufacturing shall take place in
- 23 a facility and on equipment that meets the applicable health
- 24 and safety requirements established by the department,
- 25 including requirements for cleaning and testing machinery
- 26 between production of different products.
- 3. A hemp beverage manufacturer shall comply with all
- 28 applicable packaging, labeling, and testing requirements
- 29 established by the department. Labels and packaging for the
- 30 hemp beverage products shall not consist of images or
- 31 designs that suggest that the products are intended for
- 32 consumption by children.
- 33 4. All hemp beverage products shall be registered by
- 34 the manufacturer with the department prior to sale.

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5. A hemp beverage manufacturer that creates hemp concentrate or artificially derived cannabinoids shall obtain an endorsement from the department.

- 6. A hemp beverage manufacturer seeking an endorsement to create hemp concentrate shall inform the department of all methods of extraction and concentration that the manufacturer intends to use and identify the volatile chemicals, if any, that will be involved in the creation of hemp concentrate. A hemp beverage manufacturer shall not use a method of extraction and concentration or a volatile chemical without approval by the department.
- A hemp beverage manufacturer seeking an endorsement 46 7. 47 to create artificially derived cannabinoids shall inform the department of all methods of conversion that the 48 49 manufacturer will use, including any specific catalysts that the manufacturer will employ, to create artificially derived 50 51 cannabinoids and the molecular nomenclature of all cannabinoids or other chemical compounds that the 52 manufacturer will create. A business licensed or authorized 53 to manufacture hemp beverages shall not use a method of 54 55 conversion or a catalyst without approval by the department.
- 8. A hemp beverage manufacturer shall obtain a certification from an independent third-party industrial hygienist or professional engineer approving:
- (1) All electrical, gas, fire suppression, and exhaust systems; and
- 61 (2) The plan for safe storage and disposal of 62 hazardous substances, including, but not limited to, any 63 volatile chemicals.
- 9. Upon the sale of hemp concentrate or artificially derived cannabinoids to any person, cooperative, or business, a hemp beverage manufacturer shall provide a

- 67 statement to the buyer that discloses the method of
- 68 extraction and concentration or conversion used and any
- 69 solvents, gases, or catalysts, including, but not limited
- 70 to, any volatile chemicals involved in that method.
- 71 10. All areas within the premises of a hemp beverage
- 72 manufacturer used for producing hemp beverages shall meet
- 73 the sanitary standards specified in rules adopted by the
- 74 department.
- 75 11. A hemp beverage manufacturer may only add
- 76 chemicals or compounds approved by the department to hemp
- 77 concentrate or artificially derived cannabinoids.
- 78 12. Upon the sale of any hemp beverage, a hemp
- 79 beverage manufacturer shall provide a statement to the buyer
- 80 that discloses the product's ingredients, including, but not
- 81 limited to, any chemicals or compounds and any major food
- 82 allergens declared by name.
- 83 13. A hemp beverage manufacturer shall not add any
- 84 artificially derived cannabinoid, hemp plant part, or hemp
- 85 concentrate to a product if the manufacturer of the product
- 86 holds a trademark to the product's name, except that a hemp
- 87 beverage manufacturer may use a trademarked food product if
- 88 the manufacturer uses the product as a component or as part
- 89 of a recipe and if the hemp beverage manufacturer does not
- 90 state or advertise to the customer that the final retail
- 91 hemp beverage product contains a trademarked food product.
- 92 14. A hemp beverage manufacturer shall not add any
- 93 cannabis flower, cannabis concentrate, or cannabinoid
- 94 derived from cannabis flower or cannabis concentrate to a
- 95 **product**.
- 96 15. The hemp beverage manufacturer shall have a hemp
- 97 beverage product tested prior to distribution to confirm
- 98 compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

- 99 The testing shall be performed by a laboratory holding an
- 100 ISO 17025 accreditation or that is registered with the Drug
- 101 Enforcement Administration in accordance with 21 CFR
- 102 1301.13, and which does not have a direct or indirect
- interest in the entity whose product is being tested.
- 104 16. No hemp beverage manufacturer who designates a
- specific geographic area for which a hemp beverage
- 106 wholesaler shall be responsible, shall enter into any
- 107 agreement with any other person for the purpose of
- 108 establishing an additional wholesaler for the same brands of
- 109 hemp beverage products in such designated area.
- 110 17. Any hemp beverage manufacturer or wholesaler who
- 111 violates the provisions of this section, or permit its
- employees, officers, or agents to do so, shall be guilty of
- 113 a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished
- 114 only as follows:
- 115 (1) For the first offense, by a fine of one thousand
- 116 dollars;
- 117 (2) For the second offense, by a fine of five thousand
- 118 dollars; and
- 119 (3) For the third or any subsequent offense, by a fine
- 120 of twenty-five thousand dollars.
 - 312.1020. 1. A hemp beverage wholesaler may transport
 - 2 hemp beverages on public roadways provided:
 - 3 (1) The hemp beverages are in a safe and secured
 - 4 storage compartment that is part of the motor vehicle or in
 - 5 a locked storage container that has a separate key or
 - 6 combination pad;
 - 7 (2) The hemp beverages are packaged in tamper-evident
 - 8 containers that are not visible or recognizable from outside
 - 9 the transporting vehicle;

- 10 (3) The hemp beverage wholesaler has a shipping
 11 manifest in the hemp beverage wholesaler's possession that
 12 describes the contents of all tamper-evident containers;
- (4) All departures, arrivals, and stops areappropriately documented; and
- 15 (5) No person other than a designated employee enters 16 a vehicle at any time that the vehicle is transporting hemp 17 beverages.
- 2. A hemp beverage wholesaler may sell to retailers hemp beverage products that:
- 20 (1) Are obtained from a licensed Missouri hemp 21 beverage manufacturer;
- (2) Meet all applicable packaging and labeling requirements established by the department; and
- 24 (3) Comply with any other rules adopted by the 25 department.
- 3. Any vehicle assigned for the purposes of hemp beverages is subject to inspection by the division at any time.
- 4. Any hemp beverage products stored by a hemp
 beverage wholesaler shall be stored in a secure climatecontrolled location that is locked and inaccessible to the
 general public.
- 33 All hemp beverage wholesalers shall be resident businesses. A "resident business" shall be a business 34 created under the laws of Missouri, in which at least sixty 35 percent of all of the financial interest in the business is 36 owned by bona fide Missouri residents who have continuously 37 resided in Missouri for a period of at least three years 38 39 immediately prior to the date of filing of the application 40 for a license, and in which at least sixty percent of all directors, officers, or managers of the business are bona 41

- 42 fide Missouri residents who have continuously resided in
- 43 Missouri for a period of at least three years immediately
- 44 prior to the date of filing of the application for a license.
 - 312.1025. 1. A hemp beverage retailer shall only sell
- 2 hemp beverages to individuals who are at least twenty-one
- 3 years of age. No person under twenty-one years of age shall
- 4 sell or assist in the sale or dispensing of the hemp
- 5 beverages.
- 6 2. A hemp beverage retailer shall not sell any product
- 7 the retailer knows, or has reason to know, contains more
- 8 than three-tenths of one percent of tetrahydrocannabinol
- 9 content.
- 10 3. A hemp beverage retailer may sell hemp beverage
- 11 products that:
- 12 (1) Are obtained from a licensed Missouri hemp
- 13 beverage wholesaler or is manufactured by the hemp beverage
- 14 retailer as a licensed hemp beverage manufacturer on the
- 15 premises it is sold; and
- 16 (2) Meet all applicable packaging and labeling
- 17 requirements established by the department.
- 4. A hemp beverage retailer shall not ship or deliver
- 19 hemp beverages to consumers, and all sales of hemp beverage
- 20 products shall be made on the licensed premise of the hemp
- 21 beverage retailer.
- 22 5. A hemp beverage retailer may sell other products or
- 23 items for which the hemp beverage retailer has a license or
- 24 authorization or that do not require a license or
- 25 authorization.
- 26 6. It shall constitute a class B misdemeanor for a
- 27 hemp beverage retailer or any other person to sell or
- 28 provide hemp beverage products to a person under twenty-one
- 29 years of age. It shall constitute a class B misdemeanor for

- 30 a person under twenty-one years of age to knowingly acquire,
- 31 possess, or consume a hemp beverage product.
- 32 Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section to the
- 33 contrary, law enforcement efforts utilizing a person under
- 34 twenty-one years of age but at least eighteen years of age,
- 35 wherein the person does not consume the hemp beverage
- 36 product, are not precluded. The division may enforce
- 37 compliance with this section by conducting random,
- 38 unannounced inspections at locations where such products are
- 39 sold or distributed to ensure compliance with sections
- 40 312.1000 to 312.1040. The division shall submit an annual
- 41 publicly accessible report to the general assembly
- 42 describing in detail the division's enforcement efforts.
- 43 7. A hemp beverage retailer shall ensure that all hemp
- 44 beverages offered for sale comply with the limits on the
- 45 amount and types of cannabinoids that a hemp beverage
- 46 product can contain, including, but not limited to, the
- 47 requirement that hemp beverages:
- 48 (1) Consist of servings that contain no more than five
- 49 milligrams of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, no more than
- 50 twenty-five milligrams of cannabidiol, no more than twenty-
- 51 five milligrams of cannabigerol, or any combination of those
- 52 cannabinoids that does not exceed the identified amounts;
- 53 (2) Do not contain more than a combined total of five-
- 54 tenths of a milligram of all other cannabinoids per serving;
- 55 **and**
- 56 (3) Do not contain an artificially derived cannabinoid
- other than delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol.
- 58 8. If a hemp beverage is packaged in a manner that
- 59 includes more than a single serving, the hemp beverage label
- 60 shall indicate each serving by scoring, wrapping, or other
- 61 indicators that appear on the hemp beverage label

- 62 designating the individual serving size. If it is not
- 63 possible to indicate a single serving by an indicator that
- 64 appears on the product, the hemp beverage shall not be
- 65 packaged in a manner that includes more than a single
- 66 serving in each container. The hemp beverage container
- 67 shall not contain more than two servings per container. No
- 68 hemp beverage container may contain more than five
- 69 milligrams of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol total.
- 70 9. A hemp beverage retailer shall not:

that are consumed by consumers onsite.

- 71 (1) Sell a hemp beverage to a person who is visibly 72 intoxicated:
- 73 (2) Sell cannabis flower or cannabis products; or
- 74 (3) Allow for the dispensing of hemp beverage products 75 in vending machines.
- 10. A hemp beverage retailer may permit onsite
 consumption of hemp beverage products on a portion of its
 premises if the hemp beverage retailer sells other nonhemp
 beverage products that are consumed by consumers onsite at
 the retail premises and earns at least seventy-five percent
 of its revenue from the sale of nonhemp beverage products
- 11. A hemp beverage retailer shall ensure that hemp
 beverage products sold for onsite consumption comply with
 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040 and rules adopted pursuant to
 sections 312.1000 to 312.1040 regarding testing.
- 12. Hemp beverage products may be served outside of their packaging provided that the information that is required to be contained on the label of a hemp beverage is posted or otherwise prominently displayed by the hemp beverage retailer.
- 92 13. Food and beverages not otherwise prohibited by 93 this section may be prepared and sold onsite provided that

94 the hemp beverage retailer complies with all relevant state

- 95 and local laws, ordinances, licensing requirements, and
- 96 zoning requirements.
- 97 14. A hemp beverage retailer with an onsite
- 98 consumption endorsement shall not:
- 99 (1) Sell hemp beverage products to a customer who the
- 100 hemp beverage retailer knows or reasonably should know is
- 101 intoxicated, either from consumption of alcohol, other hemp
- 102 beverages, or any other drug;
- 103 (2) Sell hemp beverage products that are designed or
- 104 reasonably expected to be mixed with an alcoholic beverage;
- 105 or
- 106 (3) Permit hemp beverage products that have been
- 107 removed from the products' packaging to be removed from the
- 108 premises of the hemp beverage retailer.
- 109 15. A hemp beverage retailer shall maintain compliance
- 110 with state and local building, fire, and zoning codes,
- 111 requirements, or regulations.
- 112 16. A hemp beverage retailer shall ensure that the
- 113 licensed premises is maintained in a clean and sanitary
- 114 condition, free from infestation by insects, rodents, or
- other pests.
- 116 17. No hemp beverage manufacturer or wholesaler may
- 117 pay to a hemp beverage retailer, nor shall any hemp beverage
- 118 retailer accept, any payment, credit, or any other
- 119 consideration to induce the hemp beverage retailer to
- 120 advertise or display a hemp beverage product in a certain
- 121 manner on the hemp beverage product's licensed premises.
- 122 Further, no hemp beverage manufacturer or wholesaler may pay
- 123 to a hemp beverage retailer any fee rental or other
- 124 consideration for the use of any part of the licensed retail

premises for advertising any brand name for the purpose of advertising the same.

- 127 **18.** A hemp beverage retailer is subject to inspection by the division at any time.
- 129 19. The division shall not issue a hemp beverage
- 130 license to any retail establishment located within three
- 131 hundred feet of any educational institution providing
- education to children at any level between preschool and
- 133 twelfth grade, or the equivalent, nor to any retail
- 134 establishment located within three hundred feet of any
- 135 church or place of worship.
 - 312.1030. 1. As used in this section, "franchise"
 - 2 means a written or oral arrangement for a definite or
 - 3 indefinite period in which a person grants to another person
 - 4 a license to use a trade name, trademark, service mark, or
 - 5 related characteristic, and in which there is a community of
 - 6 interest in the marketing of goods or services at wholesale,
 - 7 retail, by lease, agreement, or otherwise, including, but
 - 8 not limited to, a commercial relationship of definite
 - 9 duration or continuing indefinite duration, between a hemp
- 10 beverage wholesaler, to hemp beverage retailers, duly
- 11 licensed in this state, and a hemp beverage manufacturer,
- 12 and wherein a hemp beverage wholesaler is granted the right
- 13 to offer, sell, and distribute within this state or any
- 14 designated area thereof some or all of the hemp beverage
- 15 manufacturer's hemp beverage products to hemp beverage
- 16 retailers.
- 17 2. If more than one franchise for the same brand or
- 18 brands of hemp beverage products is granted to different
- 19 hemp beverage wholesalers in Missouri, it is a violation for
- 20 any hemp beverage manufacturers to discriminate between the

wholesalers with respect to any of the terms, provisions, and conditions of these franchises.

- 3. Notwithstanding the terms, provisions, and conditions of any franchise, no hemp beverage manufacturer shall unilaterally terminate or refuse to continue or change substantially the condition of any franchise with the hemp beverage wholesaler unless the manufacturer has first established good cause for such termination, noncontinuance, or change.
 - 4. Any hemp beverage wholesaler may bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a hemp beverage manufacturer for violation of any of the provisions of this section and may recover damages sustained by such wholesaler together with the costs of the action and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 5. In any action brought by a hemp beverage wholesaler against a hemp beverage manufacturer for termination, noncontinuance, or substantial change in violation of the provisions of this section, it is a complete defense for the hemp beverage manufacturer to prove that the termination, noncontinuance, or change was done in good faith and for good cause.
 - 6. As used in this section, "good faith" is the duty of each party to any franchise and all officers, employees, or agents thereof to act in a fair and equitable manner towards each other, and "good cause" means the following:
 - (1) Failure by the hemp beverage wholesaler to comply substantially with the provisions of an agreement or understanding with the hemp beverage manufacturer, which provisions are both essential and reasonable;
- (2) Use of bad faith or failure to observe reasonable commercial standards of fair dealing in the trade; or

- 53 (3) Revocation or suspension for more than thirty days
- of the hemp beverage wholesaler's state or local license
- 55 required for normal operations of its business.
 - 312.1035. 1. A hemp beverage product that is sold in
- this state shall be labeled with consumer protection
- 3 warnings in the form of statements that cover all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) A list of ingredients and possible allergens and a
- 6 nutritional fact panel or have a code that can be scanned
- 7 that directs consumers to a website containing the list of
- 8 ingredients and possible allergens and a nutritional fact
- 9 panel;
- 10 (2) A statement that use while pregnant or
- 11 breastfeeding may be harmful;
- 12 (3) A statement that consumption of certain
- 13 cannabinoids may impair your ability to drive and operate
- 14 heavy machinery;
- 15 (4) A statement that the product is not approved by
- 16 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
- 17 (5) A statement to keep out of reach of children;
- 18 (6) A statement to consult your physician before use;
- 19 (7) The amount of hemp-derived cannabinoid in each
- 20 serving of the product, measured in milligrams;
- 21 (8) The total amount of hemp-derived cannabinoid in
- 22 the entire package, measured in milligrams;
- 23 (9) The net weight of the product; and
- 24 (10) An expiration date in accordance with applicable
- 25 federal or state law.
- 26 2. A manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer of a hemp
- 27 beverage product shall not advertise, market, or offer for
- 28 sale the product by using, in the labeling or design of the
- 29 product or product packaging or in advertising or marketing

30 materials for the product trade dress, trademarks, branding,

- 31 or other related materials, any imagery or scenery that
- 32 depicts or signifies characters or symbols known to appeal
- 33 primarily to persons under twenty-one years of age,
- including, but not limited to, superheroes, comic book
- 35 characters, video game characters, television show
- 36 characters, movie characters, and mythical creatures.
- 312.1040. 1. An excise tax at the rate of seven
- 2 percent is imposed on the retail sale of a hemp beverage
- 3 product. The tax is in addition to any tax imposed under
- 4 any other provision of federal, state, or local law.
- 5 2. The tax imposed by this section is intended to be
- 6 passed on to and borne by the purchaser of the hemp-derived
- 7 consumable product. The tax is a debt from the purchaser to
- 8 the retailer until paid. A retailer is considered to act as
- 9 a trustee on behalf of the state when it collects tax from
- 10 the purchaser on a taxable transaction. The tax shall be
- 11 stated and charged separately on any documentation provided
- 12 to the purchaser by the retailer at the time of the
- 13 transaction.

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