

CHAPTER 215  
SB 189 – FINAL VERSION

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SENATE BILL        **189**

AN ACT            relative to liquor manufacturers.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Rep. Kaen, Straf 5; Rep. Hunt, Ches 11;  
Rep. F. Rice, Rock 21

COMMITTEE:      Commerce

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires that all liquor manufacturer licensees ferment and distill liquor from raw materials and expands their authority to sell their products.

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Explanation:      Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           215:1 New Paragraph; Definitions; Liquor Manufacturer. Amend RSA 175:1 by inserting after  
2 paragraph XLIV the following new paragraph:

3           XLIV-a. "Liquor manufacturer" means a licensee who produces liquor from raw materials by  
4 the process of fermentation and distillation.

5           215:2 New Paragraph; Definitions; Rectifier. Amend RSA 175:1 by inserting after paragraph  
6 LVIII the following new paragraph:

7           LVIII-a. "Rectifier" means a licensee who produces liquor by combining liquor with other  
8 products.

9           215:3 Liquor Manufacturer Licensee. Amend RSA 178:6, I to read as follows:

10           I. A liquor manufacturer licensee [~~may~~] **must** ferment[,] **and** distill ***liquor from raw***  
11 ***materials, and may*** blend, age, and bottle [~~liquor other than wine~~] ***those liquors or wine***  
12 ***produced at the licensed premises*** in this state. A liquor manufacturer licensee may sell the  
13 liquor it manufactures to the commission for resale in this state ***and may transfer in bond to***  
14 ***other licensed rectifiers, wine manufacturers, and liquor manufacturers.***

15           215:4 Liquor Manufacturer; Retail Sales. Amend RSA 178:6, III to read as follows:

16           III. Each liquor manufacturer [~~distilling less than 5,000 cases of liquor per year~~] shall have  
17 the right to sell at retail at its ***licensed manufacturing*** facility ***no more than the equivalent of***  
18 ***3,000 9-liter cases*** for off-premises consumption any of its liquor. Each retail sale shall be limited  
19 to one 9-liter case or less per sale. No liquor manufacturer shall sell more than 12 9-liter cases of  
20 liquor to any one customer in any calendar year.

21           215:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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23 Approved: July 6, 2015

24 Effective Date: September 4, 2015