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**AB-1986 Craft distillers: alcoholic beverage licensees: donations.** (2017-2018)

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**Assembly Bill No. 1986**

**CHAPTER 579**

An act to amend Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverages.

[ Approved by Governor September 20, 2018. Filed with Secretary of State September 20, 2018. ]

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1986, Cunningham. Craft distillers: alcoholic beverage licensees: donations.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act provides that nothing in that law prohibits specified licensees from giving or selling beer, wine, or distilled spirits, as applicable, to certain nonprofit organizations, as specified, at prices other than those contained in schedules filed with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

This bill would expand the prohibition exemption to allow craft distillers to give or sell distilled spirits to certain nonprofit organizations, as specified. The bill would allow specified licensees authorized to donate or sell alcoholic beverages under this provision to provide services or otherwise assist a nonprofit organization in connection with an event conducted under a temporary license issued by the department. The bill would also prohibit, with regard to nonprofit organizations that purchase or receive donations, as described above, and that also have a permanent retail license, from using those alcoholic beverages in the exercise of any privilege or business under that license.

Existing law prohibits a person without the appropriate license from exercising a privilege or performing any act for which the license is required, and a violation of this prohibition is a misdemeanor or a felony, as specified.

By expanding the definitions of various crimes, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

This bill would incorporate additional changes to Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by SB 1164 to be operative only if this bill and SB 1164 are enacted and this bill is enacted last.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: yes

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**25503.9.** (a) Nothing in this division prohibits a winegrower, a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an off-sale beer and wine retail license and only sells wine, or the holder of a limited off-sale retail wine license from giving or selling wine, a beer manufacturer from giving or selling beer, a distilled spirits manufacturer, craft distiller, rectifier, or a distilled spirits manufacturer's agent from giving or selling distilled spirits, or an importer general licensee from giving or selling beer, wine, or distilled spirits at prices other than those contained in schedules filed with the department, to any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit charitable corporation or association exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(2) A nonprofit incorporated trade association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the members of which trade association are licensed under this division. However, the wine, beer, and distilled spirits shall be used solely for a convention or meeting of the nonprofit incorporated trade association.

(3) A nonprofit corporation or association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and is defined as a tax exempt organization under Section 23701a, 23701b, 23701d, 23701e, 23701f, 23701g, 23701i, 23701k, 23701l, 23701r, or 23701w of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Wine, beer, and distilled spirits given or sold by a winegrower, beer manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer's agent, or importer general licensee pursuant to this subdivision may be furnished only in connection with public service or fundraising activities including picnics, parades, fairs, amateur sporting events, agricultural exhibitions, or similar events.

(b) Nothing in this division prohibits a winegrower, a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an off-sale beer and wine retail license and only sells wine, or the holder of a limited off-sale retail wine license from giving or selling wine, a beer manufacturer from giving or selling beer, a distilled spirits manufacturer, craft distiller, rectifier, or a distilled spirits manufacturer's agent from giving or selling distilled spirits, or a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an importer's license from giving or selling beer, wine, or distilled spirits at prices other than those contained in schedules filed with the department, to any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit charitable corporation or association exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(2) A nonprofit incorporated trade association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the members of which trade association are licensed under this division. However, the wine, beer, and distilled spirits shall be used solely for a convention or meeting of the nonprofit incorporated trade association.

(3) A nonprofit corporation or association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and is defined as a tax exempt organization under Section 23701a, 23701d, 23701e, 23701f, or 23701r of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Wine, beer, and distilled spirits given or sold by a winegrower, beer manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer's agent, or licensed importer pursuant to this subdivision may be furnished only in connection with public service or fundraising activities including picnics, parades, fairs, amateur sporting events, agricultural exhibitions, or similar events.

(c) A nonprofit corporation, organization, or association that is authorized to purchase or accept donations of alcoholic beverages pursuant to this section, and that also holds a permanent retail license issued pursuant to this division, shall not use any alcoholic beverage so purchased or donated in the exercise of any privileges or business under its permanent retail license.

(d) A licensee authorized to donate or sell alcoholic beverages to a nonprofit corporation, organization, or association pursuant to this section, except for a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an importer's license, may also provide services to and otherwise assist the corporation, organization, or association in connection with an event conducted under a temporary license issued by the department.

**SEC. 1.5.** Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

**25503.9.** (a) Nothing in this division prohibits a winegrower, a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an off-sale beer and wine retail license and only sells wine, or the holder of a limited off-sale retail wine license from giving or selling wine, a beer manufacturer from giving or selling beer, a distilled spirits manufacturer, craft distiller, rectifier, or a distilled spirits manufacturer's agent from giving or selling distilled spirits, or an importer general licensee from giving or selling beer, wine, or distilled spirits at prices other than those contained in schedules filed with the department, to any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit charitable corporation or association exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue

and Taxation Code.

(2) A nonprofit incorporated trade association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the members of which trade association are licensed under this division. However, the wine, beer, and distilled spirits shall be used solely for a convention or meeting of the nonprofit incorporated trade association.

(3) A nonprofit corporation or association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and is defined as a tax exempt organization under Section 23701a, 23701b, 23701d, 23701e, 23701f, 23701g, 23701i, 23701k, 23701l, 23701r, or 23701w of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Wine, beer, and distilled spirits given or sold by a winegrower, beer manufacturer, craft distiller, distilled spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer's agent, or importer general licensee pursuant to this subdivision may be furnished only in connection with public service or fundraising activities including picnics, parades, fairs, amateur sporting events, agricultural exhibitions, or similar events.

(b) Nothing in this division prohibits a winegrower, a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an off-sale beer and wine retail license and only sells wine, or the holder of a limited off-sale retail wine license from giving or selling wine, a beer manufacturer from giving or selling beer, a distilled spirits manufacturer, craft distiller, rectifier, or a distilled spirits manufacturer's agent from giving or selling distilled spirits, or a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an importer's license from giving or selling beer, wine, or distilled spirits at prices other than those contained in schedules filed with the department, to any of the following:

(1) A nonprofit charitable corporation or association exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

(2) A nonprofit incorporated trade association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 23701) of Part 11 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and the members of which trade association are licensed under this division. However, the wine, beer, and distilled spirits shall be used solely for a convention or meeting of the nonprofit incorporated trade association.

(3) A nonprofit corporation or association that is exempt from payment of income taxes under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and is defined as a tax exempt organization under Section 23701a, 23701d, 23701e, 23701f, or 23701r of the Revenue and Taxation Code. Wine, beer, and distilled spirits given or sold by a winegrower, beer manufacturer, craft distiller, distilled spirits manufacturer, distilled spirits manufacturer's agent, or licensed importer pursuant to this subdivision may be furnished only in connection with public service or fundraising activities including picnics, parades, fairs, amateur sporting events, agricultural exhibitions, or similar events.

(c) A nonprofit corporation, organization, or association that is authorized to purchase or accept donations of alcoholic beverages pursuant to this section, and that also holds a permanent retail license issued pursuant to this division, shall not use any alcoholic beverage so purchased or donated in the exercise of any privileges or business under its permanent retail license.

(d) A licensee authorized to donate or sell alcoholic beverages to a nonprofit corporation, organization, or association pursuant to this section, except for a beer and wine wholesaler that also holds an importer's license, may also provide services to and otherwise assist the corporation, organization, or association in connection with an event conducted under a temporary license issued by the department.

**SEC. 2.** Section 1.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code proposed by both this bill and Senate Bill 1164. That section of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2019, (2) each bill amends Section 25503.9 of the Business and Professions Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after Senate Bill 1164, in which case Section 1 of this bill shall not become operative.

**SEC. 3.** No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.