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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SPIRITS AND BEER MANUFACTURE ACT

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act, which amends the Spirit and Beer Manufacture Act (*Ch. 373*) may be cited as the Spirits and Beer Manufacture (Amendment) Act, 2019
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2019.

2. Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by the renumbering of the section as subsection (1); and
- (b) by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) of the following new subsection —
 - “(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to a person who brews or makes beer or spirits for personal consumption.”.

3. Repeal of section 5 of the principal Act.

Section 5 of the principal Act is repealed.

4. Amendment of section 7 of the principal Act.

Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) of the following new subsections —

- “(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where the person applying for a licence is a microbrewery, he shall not be required to enter into a bond with Her Majesty, her heirs and successors as the Comptroller may approve.
- (4) For the purposes of this Act, a “**microbrewery**” means a business that brews beer or distilled spirits to be consumed or sold on its premises only.”.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend the Spirits and Beer Manufacture Act (*Ch. 373*) to allow persons to brew or make beer or spirits for personal consumption.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to repeal section 5 of the Act to remove the restriction on the grant of a licence to a distillery with a capacity of less than 400 bushels of grain.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to provide for an exception that microbreweries are not required to enter into a bond with customs or have a bonded warehouse. The clause further seeks to provide for a definition of a microbrewery.