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THE STATES

California

Before the Governor for action, [A.B. 1940](#) would allow a wholesaler or manufacturer, or a successor, to accept the return of a seasonal brand of beer from a retail licensee if the beer is exchanged for a quantity of beer of similar quality of a brand produced or sold by the same manufacturer, or of another manufacturer if the original manufacturer has ceased doing business, with a value no greater than the original sales price to the retail licensee of the returned beer.

Dying in the Senate, [Assembly Bill 2849](#) sought to exempt premises operated under a beer manufacturer license from current requirements that any on-sale retail licensee that gives, sells, or otherwise dispenses draught beer to include specified information about the beer upon the faucet, spigot, or outlet from which the beer is drawn or in the place of service and consumption.

Now before the Governor, [A.B. 2174](#) authorizes a beer manufacturer licensee to sell up to 124 gallons of beer manufactured by or for the licensee per catering event for consumption at conventions, sporting events, trade exhibits, picnics, social gatherings, community events, or similar events. The bill further limits the number of such events to thirty-six per licensee per year.

Illinois

Signed into law by the Governor, [Senate Bill 2625](#) provides that no retail establishment with a retail sales floor that exceeds 2,500 square feet shall display alcohol-infused products and co-branded alcoholic beverages immediately adjacent to similar products that are not alcohol-infused products or immediately adjacent to soft drinks, fruit juices, bottled waters, candies, or snack foods portraying cartoons or youth-oriented images and that any retail establishment with a retail sales floor that is equal to or less than 2,500 square feet shall either not display alcohol-infused products or co-branded alcoholic beverages immediately adjacent to specified products or equip the display with specified signage. Finally, the bill prohibits retail licensees from keeping, exposing for sale, or displaying alcohol-infused products immediately adjacent to products marketed toward children.

New Hampshire

Signed into law, [House Bill 1358](#) seeks to expand tenant brewing to include manufacturers of wine and liquor.

Signed by the Governor, [H.B. 1380](#) seeks to allow a licensed brewpub to hold an additional on-premise or off-premise license as long as the licensee does not hold any other type of manufacturing license. The bill restricts a licensee holding two or more brewpub licenses from selling more than 2,500 barrels of beer or cider to any New Hampshire licensed retailer.

New York

Signed into law, [Senate Bill 2852](#) authorizes the direct intrastate and interstate shipment of liquor, cider, mead, and braggot.

Ohio

[House Bill 658](#) seeks to create the "Ohio Craft Brewers" license plate.