

VBA 2024 Legislative Report Week 15

It was a busy week at the Statehouse! Although an adjournment date is not set in stone, lawmakers are aiming to adjourn on or around May 10, but realistically it could be more like May 17. We expect that the House and Senate will begin, the week after next, to negotiate their differences on most pieces of major legislation, including budget and tax bills.

→ MISCELLANEOUS ALCOHOL BILL

Although the [Senate Economic Development Housing and General Affairs Committee](#) has not yet finalized their agenda for next week, we expect they will hold an initial hearing on the [miscellaneous alcohol bill](#). They will likely begin with testimony from DLL.

→ HEADLINES OF NOTE

[Capitol Recap: Lawmakers 'go slow to go fast' on education finance reform](#)

[Disagreement and lobbying threaten passage of Vermont's landmark data privacy bill](#)

[Final Reading: In the Vermont Senate, Friday afternoons are for budget building](#)

[Property Tax Relief Bill Sparks Partisan Feud](#)

[Vt. House give preliminary approval to 'ghost gun' bill](#)

[Liquor sales in movie theaters, to-go sales of cocktails included in NY budget agreement](#)

VBA 2023/2024 BILL REPORT – BILLS THAT ARE STILL “ALIVE”			
Bill	Sponsors	Description	Status
H 680	Rep. Katherine "Kari" Dolan; Rep. Matthew Birong; Rep. Stephanie Jerome	An Act Relating To Expanding Access To Special Venue Serving Permits This bill proposes to allow any retail establishment to acquire a special venue serving permit from the Division of Liquor Control.	Committees: House Government Operations and Military Affairs Status: Read First Time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs (01/04/24) Included in the Miscellaneous Alcohol Bill H.867 – limited to 12 annually.
H.867	Committee on Government Operations sand Military Affairs	An act relating to miscellaneous amendments to the laws governing alcoholic beverages and the Board of Liquor and Lottery	Committees: Senate Economic Development Housing and General Affairs

		<p>This bill proposes to authorize retail establishments to acquire special venue serving permits; allow a sampling event permit holder to purchase invoiced volumes of alcoholic beverages from wholesale dealers; increase the limit on special event permits that may be acquired by an individual licensee from 10 to 20; amend provisions related to the annual report concerning the State Lottery; extend the effective date for required liquor liability insurance to July 1, 2026; and to establish a retail master license for parent corporations that are formed for purposes of merging licensed retail dealers or manufacturers.</p>	<p>Status: Passed by the House</p> <p>AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE</p>
S 60	Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale; Sen. Thomas Chittenden	<p>An Act Relating To Local Option Taxes</p> <p>This bill proposes to authorize: (1) any Vermont municipality to adopt a one percent local option tax on sales, meals and alcoholic beverages, and rooms; and (2) the Commissioner of Taxes to disclose a municipality's local option tax data to the town manager or legislative body of that municipality, provided that the disclosure subjects the recipient to the penalties for unauthorized disclosure of confidential tax data.</p>	<p>Committees: Senate Finance; House Government Operations and Military Affairs; Senate Finance?</p> <p>Status: Read First Time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs (04/11/23)</p>
S 86	Sen. Richard Westman	<p>An Act Relating To Replacing The Term "cider" With "hard Cider" Within Title 7</p> <p>This bill proposes to replace the term "cider" with "hard cider" within Title 7 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.</p>	<p>Committees: Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs</p> <p>Status: Read 1st time & referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs (02/16/23)</p>
S 107	Sen. Richard Westman	<p>An Act Relating To Authorizing Off-site Tasting Rooms For Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturers</p> <p>This bill proposes to allow holders of a manufacturer's or rectifier's license to acquire a first-class license to sell their products at a tasting room that is</p>	<p>Committees: Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs</p> <p>Status: This bill was considered by the committee last year and</p>

		not located on property contiguous with the manufacturing location.	essentially put on hold because of tied house concerns.
<u>S 110</u>	Sen. Richard Westman; Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale	<p>An Act Relating To Direct-to-consumer Shipping Of Spirits And Fortified Wines</p> <p>This bill proposes to authorize a manufacturer of spirits or fortified wines to acquire a consumer shipping license and ship the manufacturer's products directly to consumers in Vermont.</p>	<p>Committees: Senate Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs</p> <p>Status: Read 1st time & referred to Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs (02/28/23)</p>