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S.B. No. 995
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       May 9, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2011, sent to printer.)
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                                      A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
                                               AN ACT
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       relating to the sale of souvenir bottles of distilled spirits by the
       holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit.
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                BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
                SECTION 1. Subsection
                                                (a),
                                                         Section
                                                                       14.01,
                                                                                  Alcoholic
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       Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:
                      The holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit may:
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                       (1) manufacture distilled spirits;
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                             rectify, purify, and refine distilled spirits and
       wines;
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                             mix wines, distilled spirits, or other liquors;
                            bottle, label, and package the permit holder's
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       finished products;
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       (5) sell the finished products in this state to holders of wholesaler's permits and to qualified persons outside
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       the state;
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                       (6)
                             import distilled spirits, to be used only for
       manufacturing or rectification nonresident seller's permits; [and]
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                                                       purposes, from holders
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                       (7) dispense free distilled spirits for consumption on
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       the permitted premises; and
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                       (8) sell souvenir bottles of distilled
       ultimate consumers for off-premises consumption in accordance with
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       Section 14.05.
SECTION 2.
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                               Chapter 14, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended
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       by adding Section 14.05 to read as follows:
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                Sec. 14.05. SOUVENIR BOTTLE SALES.
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                                                                         The h<u>older of a</u>
       distiller's and rectifier's permit whose premises are located in an area where the sale of distilled spirits is legal may sell souvenir bottles of distilled spirits manufactured or bottled on the
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        permitted premises to ultimate consumers in unbroken packages for
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        off-premises consumption.
       (b) A consumer may not purchase more than one souvenir bottle per visit of each brand of distilled spirits manufactured or bottled on the permitted premises.
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                (c) A permit holder may not sell more than 50,000 gallons of
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        distilled spirits under this section annually.
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       (d) Distilled spirits sold under this section must be sold in container sizes that meet commission rules and that are labeled, stamped, or otherwise designed differently than the containers the
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permittee sells to wholesalers.

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1**-**50 1**-**51 (e) A person authorized to sell distilled spirits under this

section may not sell a souvenir bottle of distilled spirits to a

minor or to an obviously intoxicated person.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.