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H.B. No. 1555

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the storage of certain imported alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 55.03, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.03. ELIGIBILITY FOR PERMIT. A manufacturer's agent's warehousing permit may be issued to an entity:

(1) that receives beer, ale, or malt liquor from [of which at least 50 percent of the ownership interests are owned by] another entity, or that other entity's immediate successor in interest, that:

(A) is located and chartered in the United Mexican States;

(B) has held a nonresident manufacturer's license, nonresident brewer's permit, and a nonresident seller's permit for the two years preceding the date of the application; and

(C) during each of those two years has shipped or caused to be shipped into this state for ultimate sale to qualified distributors and wholesalers in this state at least one-half million barrels of beer, ale, or malt liquor of the various brands manufactured or brewed by the entity; and

(2) whose employees, located in this state or elsewhere, hold permits and licenses issued under Chapters 36 and 73 to perform the activities authorized under those chapters on

1 behalf of the entity.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.