

1 SENATE BILL NO. 543

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING OFF-PREMISES BEER AND WINE LICENSES TO  
5 DELIVER BEER AND WINE; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE;  
6 PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE; AND AMENDING SECTION 16-4-115, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 Section 1. Section 16-4-115, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "**16-4-115. Beer and wine licenses for off-premises consumption -- delivery.** (1) A retail license to  
12 sell beer or table wine, or both, in the original packages for off-premises consumption may be issued only to a  
13 person, firm, or corporation that is approved by the department as a person, firm, or corporation qualified to sell  
14 beer or table wine, or both. If the premises proposed for licensing are operated in conjunction with another  
15 business, that business must be a grocery store or drugstore licensed as a pharmacy. The number of licenses  
16 that the department may issue is not limited by the provisions of 16-4-105 but must be determined by the  
17 department in the exercise of its sound discretion, and the department may in the exercise of its sound  
18 discretion grant or deny an application for any license or suspend or revoke any license for cause.

19 (2) ~~Upon~~On receipt of a completed application for a license under this section, accompanied by  
20 the necessary license fee as provided in 16-4-501, the department shall request that the department of justice  
21 make a background investigation of all matters relating to the application.

22 (3) Based on the results of the investigation or in exercising its sound discretion as provided in  
23 subsection (1), the department shall determine whether:

24 (a) the applicant is qualified to receive a license;

25 (b) the applicant's premises are suitable for the carrying on of the business; and

26 (c) the requirements of this code and the rules promulgated by the department are met and  
27 complied with.

