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AMENDMENTS TO LB619

Introduced by General Affairs.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 9-1,101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2014, is amended to read:
- 5 9-1,101 (1) The Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska County and City
- 6 Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle
- 7 Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, and section
- 8 9-701 shall be administered and enforced by the Charitable Gaming
- 9 Division of the Department of Revenue, which division is hereby created.
- 10 The Department of Revenue shall make annual reports to the Governor,
- 11 Legislature, Auditor of Public Accounts, and Attorney General on all tax
- 12 revenue received, expenses incurred, and other activities relating to the
- 13 administration and enforcement of such acts. The report submitted to the
- 14 Legislature shall be submitted electronically.
- 15 (2) The Charitable Gaming Operations Fund is hereby created. Any
- 16 money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 17 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
- 18 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 19 (3)(a) Forty percent of the taxes collected pursuant to sections
- 20 9-239, 9-344, 9-429, and 9-648 shall be available to the Charitable
- 21 Gaming Division for administering and enforcing the acts listed in
- 22 subsection (1) of this section and providing administrative support for
- 23 the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling. The remaining sixty percent
- 24 shall be transferred to the General Fund. Any portion of the forty
- 25 percent not used by the division in the administration and enforcement of
- 26 such acts and section shall be distributed as provided in this
- 27 subsection.

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- 1 (b) On or before November 1 each year, the State Treasurer shall
- 2 transfer fifty thousand dollars from the Charitable Gaming Operations
- 3 Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund, except that no transfer
- 4 shall occur if the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund contains less than
- 5 fifty thousand dollars.
- 6 (c) Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund
- 7 after the transfer pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection not
- 8 used by the Charitable Gaming Division in its administration and
- 9 enforcement duties pursuant to this section may be transferred to the
- 10 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
- 11 (4) The Tax Commissioner shall employ investigators who shall be
- 12 vested with the authority and power of a law enforcement officer to carry
- 13 out the laws of this state administered by the Tax Commissioner or the
- 14 Department of Revenue and to enforce sections 28-1101 to 28-1117 relating
- 15 to possession of a gambling device. For purposes of enforcing sections
- 16 28-1101 to 28-1117, the authority of the investigators shall be limited
- 17 to investigating possession of a gambling device, notifying local law
- 18 enforcement authorities, and reporting suspected violations to the county
- 19 attorney for prosecution.
- 20 (5) The Charitable Gaming Division shall audit licensees with poker
- 21 <u>endorsements and special designated poker licensees for compliance with</u>
- 22 <u>section 7 of this act. The division shall use the money credited to the</u>
- 23 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund pursuant to section 7 of this act for
- 24 <u>this purpose</u>.
- 25 (65) The Charitable Gaming Division may charge a fee for
- 26 publications and listings it produces. The fee shall not exceed the cost
- 27 of publication and distribution of such items. The division may also
- 28 charge a fee for making a copy of any record in its possession equal to
- 29 the actual cost per page. The division shall remit the fees to the State
- 30 Treasurer for credit to the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund.
- 31 (7 6) For administrative purposes only, the Nebraska Commission on

Problem Gambling shall be located within the Charitable Gaming Division. 1

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- 2 The division shall provide office space, furniture, equipment,
- 3 stationery and other necessary supplies for the commission. Commission
- staff shall be appointed, supervised, and terminated by the director of 4
- 5 the Gamblers Assistance Program pursuant to section 9-1004.
- 6 Sec. 2. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 7 2014, is amended to read:
- 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 and sections 4 to 12 of this act 8
- 9 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.
- Sec. 3. Section 53-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 10
- 2014, is amended to read: 11
- 53-103 For purposes of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, the 12
- definitions found in sections 53-103.01 to 53-103.43 and section 4 of 13
- 14 this act apply.
- 15 Sec. 4. Poker means a draw or community card game in which a player
- bets that the value of his or her hand is greater than the value of the 16
- 17 hands held by others and each subsequent player must either equal or
- raise the bet or drop out. Poker includes a draw poker game, such as 18
- 19 five-card draw, in which a player determines whether to discard and then
- receive new cards from the dealer, and a community card poker game, such 20
- 21 as Texas Hold'em and Omaha Hold'em, in which the player combines the
- 22 cards he or she is holding along with the community cards that all
- 23 players share and the player with the highest hand at the end of the
- 24 betting wins the pot unless the player is the only player playing once
- 25 the other players have dropped out.
- 26 Sec. 5. (1) The Legislature finds that:
- 27 (a) Certain poker games require skill and players that are able to
- 28 develop that skill may become professional poker players; and
- 29 (b) While poker does have a random component in the cards that
- 30 players are dealt, there is more skill than luck for successful poker
- 31 players in games where the player implements a strategy by making

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1 decisions that influence the other players and ultimately the game's

- 2 outcome.
- 3 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize various forms
- of the card game poker as games of skill, including variations of draw 4
- 5 and community card poker games.
- 6 (1) The commission may, in conjunction with a special Sec. 6.
- 7 designated license under section 53-124.11, issue a special designated
- 8 poker license to host poker games and tournaments in accordance with the
- 9 Nebraska Liquor Control Act at a designated location or on the premises
- of a retail licensee, a craft brewery licensee, a microdistillery 10
- 11 licensee, or a farm winery licensee. The only poker games allowed under
- this section are draw and community card poker games. 12
- (2) No retail licensee, craft brewery licensee, microdistillery 13
- 14 licensee, or farm winery licensee may be issued a special designated
- 15 poker license under this section for more than six calendar days in any
- 16 one calendar year. Only one special designated license shall be required
- 17 for any application for two or more consecutive days.
- (3) An applicant for a special designated poker license shall pay a 18
- 19 fee of forty dollars for each day identified in the special designated
- 20 poker license. Such fee shall be submitted with the application for the
- 21 special designated poker license, collected by the commission, and
- 22 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund. The
- applicant shall be exempt from the provisions of the Nebraska Liquor 23
- 24 Control Act requiring an application or renewal fee and the provisions of
- 25 the act requiring the expiration of forty-five days from the time the
- 26 application is received by the commission prior to the issuance of a
- 27 license, if granted by the commission. The retail licensees, craft
- brewery licensees, microdistillery licensees, and farm winery licensees 28
- 29 seeking a special designated poker license shall file an application on
- 30 such forms as the commission may prescribe. Such forms shall contain,
- 31 along with other information as required by the commission, (a) the name

of the applicant, (b) the premises for which a special designated poker 1 2 license is requested, identified by street and number if practicable and, 3 if not, by some other appropriate description which definitely locates the premises, (c) the name of the owner or lessee of the premises for 4 5 which the special designated poker license is requested, (d) sufficient 6 evidence that the holder of the special designated poker license, if 7 issued, will carry on the activities and business authorized by the 8 license for himself, herself, or itself and not as the agent of any other 9 person, group, organization, or corporation, whether such entity is for 10 profit or not for profit, (e) a statement of the type of activity to be 11 carried on during the time period for which a special designated poker 12 license is requested, and (f) sufficient evidence that the activity will 13 be supervised by persons or managers who are agents of and directly 14 responsible to the holder of the special designated poker license. 15 (4) No special designated poker license provided for by this section 16 shall be issued by the commission without the approval of the local 17 governing body. The local governing body may establish criteria for 18 approving or denying a special designated poker license. The local 19 governing body may designate an agent to determine whether a special 20 designated poker license is to be approved or denied. Such agent shall 21 follow criteria established by the local governing body in making his or 22 her determination. The determination of the agent shall be considered the determination of the local governing body unless otherwise provided by 23

25 governing body shall be the city or village within which the premises for

the local governing body. For purposes of this section, the local

- 26 which the special designated poker license is requested are located or,
- 27 <u>if such premises are not within the corporate limits of a city or</u>
- 28 <u>village, then the local governing body shall be the county within which</u>
- 29 <u>the premises for which the special designated poker license is requested</u>
- 30 <u>are located.</u>

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31 (5) If the applicant meets the requirements of this section, the

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- commission shall grant and issue a special designated poker license for 1
- use by the holder of the special designated poker license. The commission 2
- 3 may refuse to issue or place conditions on a special designated poker
- license based on findings of the Charitable Gaming Division which are 4
- 5 related to the applicant. All statutory provisions and rules and
- 6 regulations of the commission that apply to a retail licensee shall apply
- 7 to the holder of a special designated poker license with the exception of
- 8 such statutory provisions and rules and regulations of the commission so
- 9 designated by the commission and stated upon the issued special
- designated poker license, except that the commission may not designate 10
- 11 exemption of sections 53-180 to 53-180.07. The decision of the commission
- shall be final. If the applicant does not qualify for a special 12
- designated poker license, the application shall be denied by the 13
- 14 commission.
- 15 (6) The commission shall mail or deliver a special designated poker
- license issued by the commission to the city, village, or county clerk 16
- 17 who shall deliver such license to the licensee upon receipt of any fee or
- tax imposed by such city, village, or county. 18
- 19 (1) Within one week after a poker tournament, a licensee
- 20 with a poker endorsement under section 53-131 and a special designated
- 21 poker licensee shall remit ten percent of the gross proceeds of the poker
- 22 tournament to the commission. Within one week after a poker cash game, a
- 23 licensee with a poker endorsement under section 53-131 and a special
- 24 designated poker licensee shall remit five percent of the final amount in
- 25 each pot, up to a maximum of two dollars and fifty cents for each pot, to
- 26 the commission. The commission shall remit the amounts to the State
- 27 Treasurer.
- 28 (2) The State Treasurer shall distribute the amounts as follows:
- 29 (a) If the poker tournament or cash game was held within the
- 30 boundaries of a city or village:
- 31 (i) Fifty percent of the amount shall be credited to the Property

- 1 Tax Credit Cash Fund;
- 2 (ii) Twenty-two percent of the amount shall be distributed to the
- 3 county treasurer for the county general fund of the county in which it
- 4 was held;
- 5 (iii) Twenty-two percent of the amount shall be distributed to the
- 6 city or village;
- 7 (iv) Two and one-half percent of the amount shall be credited to the
- 8 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund;
- 9 (v) Two and one-half percent of the amount shall be credited to the
- 10 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund; and
- 11 (vi) One percent of the amount shall be credited to the Compulsive
- 12 <u>Gamblers Assistance Fund; and</u>
- (b) If the poker tournament or cash game was held outside the
- 14 <u>boundaries of a city or village:</u>
- 15 (i) Fifty percent of the amount shall be credited to the Property
- 16 Tax Credit Cash Fund;
- 17 <u>(ii) Forty-four percent of the amount shall be distributed to the</u>
- 18 county treasurer for the county general fund of the county in which it
- 19 was held;
- 20 <u>(iii) Two and one-half percent of the amount shall be credited to</u>
- 21 the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund;
- 22 (iv) Two and one-half percent of the amount shall be credited to the
- 23 Charitable Gaming Operations Fund; and
- 24 (v) One percent of the amount shall be credited to the Compulsive
- 25 Gamblers Assistance Fund.
- Sec. 8. <u>(1) A licensee with a poker endorsement under section</u>
- 27 53-131 and a special designated poker licensee shall employ or contract
- 28 with a licensed poker dealer for each poker game and tournament and shall
- 29 <u>keep a copy of the license of each poker dealer participating in a poker</u>
- 30 game or tournament held by the licensee for at least one year after the
- 31 <u>poker game or tournament.</u>

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- 1 (2) Neither the licensee nor any employee of the licensee shall
- 2 participate as a player in a poker game or tournament held by the
- 3 <u>licensee as a player.</u>
- 4 (3) Each participant in a poker game or tournament shall be at least
- 5 <u>twenty-one years of age.</u>
- 6 (4) The licensee may charge up to a total of five hundred dollars
- 7 per person for the entry fee and any subsequent reentry fees for a poker
- 8 <u>tournament except as provided for poker tournaments held pursuant to</u>
- 9 section 11 of this act.
- 10 <u>(5) The licensee may withhold up to five percent of each pot of a</u>
- 11 poker cash game, up to a maximum of two dollars and fifty cents for each
- 12 <u>pot. The licensee may charge up to a total of five hundred dollars per</u>
- 13 person for entry fees and reentry fees per day for poker cash games. The
- 14 <u>licensee shall have a camera positioned above each table at which a poker</u>
- 15 <u>cash game is played to record all betting and dealing activities. The</u>
- 16 licensee shall keep the recordings for at least one year after the poker
- 17 cash game and make the recording available to the commission upon
- 18 <u>request.</u>
- 19 Sec. 9. (1) To be eligible to be employed or contracted with as a
- 20 poker dealer in Nebraska, a person shall be licensed as a poker dealer
- 21 <u>under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act or under the laws of another</u>
- 22 <u>jurisdiction similar to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act as determined by</u>
- 23 the commission. A licensed poker dealer shall provide a copy of his or
- 24 her license to any licensee with a poker endorsement under section 53-131
- 25 or special designated poker licensee which employs or contracts with the
- 26 poker dealer for any poker game or tournament.
- 27 <u>(2) To be eligible to be licensed as a poker dealer under the</u>
- 28 Nebraska Liquor Control Act, a person shall:
- 29 (a) Complete an application prescribed by the commission;
- 30 (b) Provide the required fees for application and licensure with the
- 31 <u>application;</u>

- 1 (c) Be at least nineteen years of age;
- 2 <u>(d) Provide a copy of his or her Nebraska motor vehicle operator's</u>
- 3 <u>license or state identification card;</u>
- 4 (e) Provide a copy of his or her birth certificate or social
- 5 <u>security card;</u>
- 6 (f) Pass a national criminal history record information check
- 7 pursuant to subsection (3) of this section;
- 8 (g) Have no conviction for a felony within ten years prior to the
- 9 date of the application; and
- 10 (h) Have not been on probation for a felony offense at any time
- 11 <u>during the ten years prior to the date of the application.</u>
- 12 (3) An applicant for a poker dealer license shall provide his or her
- 13 <u>fingerprints to the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State Patrol</u>
- 14 shall undertake a search for criminal history record information relating
- 15 to the applicant, including transmittal of the applicant's fingerprints
- 16 to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history
- 17 record information check. The criminal history record information shall
- 18 include information concerning the applicant from federal repositories of
- 19 such information and repositories of such information in other states if
- 20 <u>authorized by federal law. The Nebraska State Patrol shall issue a report</u>
- 21 <u>to the commission that includes the criminal history record information</u>
- 22 <u>concerning the applicant. The applicant shall pay the actual cost of the</u>
- 23 fingerprinting and criminal history record information check. The
- 24 commission shall maintain a record of the results of the criminal history
- 25 record information check. Criteria for not passing the criminal history
- 26 record information check shall include at least the following: (a) Any
- 27 felony conviction within the last ten years; or (b) any conviction
- 28 involving fraudulent activities.
- 29 Sec. 10. (1) The commission shall establish application, licensure,
- 30 <u>and renewal fees for poker dealer licenses in amounts necessary to cover</u>
- 31 the cost of issuing the licenses. The commission shall remit the fees to

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- 1 the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.
- 2 (2) The commission shall examine a completed application and issue a
- 3 poker dealer license if the application contains the information required
- 4 under subsection (2) of section 9 of this act and the applicant meets the
- 5 requirements of section 9 of this act. If the application is denied, the
- 6 applicant may appeal, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the
- 7 Administrative Procedure Act.
- 8 Sec. 11. The commission shall ensure that five special designated
- 9 poker licenses are available for poker tournaments at which a participant
- 10 pays an entry fee of at least five hundred dollars and not more than five
- 11 thousand dollars and at which not more than five thousand dollars is
- charged to any participant in total for the entry fee and any reentry 12
- 13 fees.
- 14 Sec. 12. No person or licensee, or any employee or agent thereof,
- 15 accepting wagers on a poker game conducted pursuant to a poker
- 16 endorsement or a special designated poker license shall extend credit to
- 17 participants in the poker game or tournament. No person shall participate
- in a poker game or tournament unless he or she pays with cash. For 18
- 19 purposes of this section, cash means United States currency having the
- 20 same face value as the poker chips or other monetary representation that
- 21 may be substituted for cash for purposes of wagering.
- 22 Sec. 13. Section 53-117.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 23 2014, is amended to read:
- 24 53-117.06 (1) The Any money collected by the commission pursuant to
- 25 section 53-117.05 or 53-167.02 shall be credited to the Nebraska Liquor
- 26 Control Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund, which fund is hereby
- 27 created. The purpose of the fund shall be to cover any administrative
- costs, including salary and benefits, incurred by the commission in 28
- 29 producing or distributing the material referred to in section 53-117.05
- 30 or 53-167.02, such sections and to defray the costs associated with
- 31 electronic regulatory transactions, industry education events,

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- and equipment for regulatory work, and to 1 enforcement training,
- administer poker endorsements and special designated poker licenses. 2
- 3 (2) Any money collected by the commission pursuant to section
- 53-117.05 or 53-167.02 shall be credited to the fund. 4
- 5 (3) Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the
- 6 direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Liquor Control
- 7 Commission Rule and Regulation Cash Fund available for investment shall
- be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska 8
- 9 Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- Sec. 14. Section 53-123.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 10
- 11 amended to read:
- 53-123.11 (1) A farm winery license shall entitle the holder to: 12
- (a) Sell wines produced at the farm winery onsite at wholesale and 13
- 14 retail and to sell wines produced at the farm winery at off-premises
- 15 sites holding the appropriate retail license;
- (b) Sell wines produced at the farm winery at retail for consumption 16
- 17 on the premises;
- (c)(i) Permit a customer to remove one unsealed bottle of wine for 18
- consumption off the premises. The licensee or his or her agent shall (A) 19
- 20 securely reseal such bottle and place the bottle in a bag designed so
- 21 that it is visibly apparent that the resealed bottle of wine has not been
- 22 opened or tampered with and (B) provide a dated receipt to the customer
- 23 and attach to such bag a copy of the dated receipt for the resealed
- 24 bottle of wine.
- (ii) If the resealed bottle of wine is transported in a motor 25
- 26 vehicle, it must be placed in the trunk of the motor vehicle or the area
- 27 behind the last upright seat of such motor vehicle if the area is not
- normally occupied by the driver or a passenger and the motor vehicle is 28
- 29 not equipped with a trunk;
- 30 (d) Ship wines produced at the farm winery by common carrier and
- sold at retail to recipients in and outside the State of Nebraska, if the 31

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- output of such farm winery for each calendar year as reported to the 1
- 2 commission by December 31 of each year does not exceed thirty thousand
- 3 gallons. In the event such amount exceeds thirty thousand gallons, the
- farm winery shall be required to use a licensed wholesaler to distribute 4
- 5 its wines for the following calendar year, except that this requirement
- 6 shall not apply to wines produced and sold onsite at the farm winery
- 7 pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section;
- (e) Allow sampling of the wine at the farm winery and at one branch 8
- 9 outlet in the state in reasonable amounts;
- (f) Sell wines produced at the farm winery to other Nebraska farm 10
- 11 winery licensees, in bulk, bottled, labeled, or unlabeled, in accordance
- 12 with 27 C.F.R. 24.308, 27 C.F.R. 24.309, and 27 C.F.R. 24.314, as such
- regulations existed on January 1, 2008; 13
- 14 (q) Purchase distilled spirits from licensed microdistilleries in
- 15 Nebraska, in bulk or bottled, made entirely from Nebraska-licensed farm
- winery wine to be used in the production of fortified wine at the 16
- 17 purchasing licensed farm winery; and
- (h) Store and warehouse products produced at the farm winery in a 18
- designated, secure, offsite storage facility if the holder of the farm 19
- 20 winery license notifies the commission of the location of the facility
- 21 and maintains, at the farm winery and at the facility, a separate
- 22 perpetual inventory of the product stored at the facility. Consumption of
- 23 alcoholic liquor at the facility is strictly prohibited.
- 24 (2) No farm winery shall manufacture wine in excess of fifty
- 25 thousand gallons per year.
- 26 (3) A holder of a farm winery license may obtain a special
- 27 designated license pursuant to section 53-124.11.
- (4) A holder of a farm winery license may obtain an annual catering 28
- 29 license pursuant to section 53-124.12.
- 30 (5) A holder of a farm winery license may obtain a special
- designated poker license pursuant to section 6 of this act. 31

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Sec. 15. Section 53-123.14, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 1

- 2 2014, is amended to read:
- 3 53-123.14 Any person who operates a craft brewery shall obtain a
- license pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. A license to operate 4
- 5 a craft brewery shall permit a brewpub or microbrewery to produce on the
- 6 craft brewery premises a maximum of twenty thousand barrels of beer per
- 7 year. A craft brewery may also sell to beer wholesalers for sale and
- 8 distribution to licensed retailers. A craft brewery license issued
- 9 pursuant to this section shall be the only license required by the
- Nebraska Liquor Control Act for the manufacture and retail sale of beer 10
- 11 for consumption on or off the licensed premises, except that the sale of
- any beer other than beer manufactured by the craft brewery licensee, 12
- wine, or alcoholic liquor by the drink for consumption on the craft 13
- 14 brewery premises shall require the appropriate retail license. Any
- 15 license held by the operator of a craft brewery shall be subject to the
- act. A holder of a craft brewery license may obtain an annual catering 16
- 17 license pursuant to section 53-124.12, a special designated license
- pursuant to section 53-124.11, or an entertainment district license 18
- pursuant to section 53-123.17, or a special designated poker license 19
- 20 pursuant to section 6 of this act.
- 21 Sec. 16. Section 53-123.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2014, is amended to read:
- 23 53-123.16 Any person who operates a microdistillery shall obtain a
- 24 license pursuant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. A license to operate
- a microdistillery shall permit the licensee to produce on the premises a 25
- 26 maximum of ten thousand gallons of liquor per year. A microdistillery may
- 27 also sell to licensed wholesalers for sale and distribution to licensed
- retailers. A microdistillery license issued pursuant to this section 28
- 29 shall be the only license required by the Nebraska Liquor Control Act for
- 30 the manufacture and retail sale of microdistilled product for consumption
- on or off the licensed premises, except that the sale of any beer, wine, 31

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- 1 or alcoholic liquor, other than microdistilled product manufactured by
- 2 the microdistillery licensee, by the drink for consumption on the
- 3 microdistillery premises shall require the appropriate retail license.
- 4 Any license held by the operator of a microdistillery shall be subject to
- 5 the act. A holder of a microdistillery license may obtain an annual
- 6 catering license pursuant to section 53-124.12, a special designated
- 7 license pursuant to section 53-124.11, or an entertainment district
- 8 license pursuant to section 53-123.17, or a special designated poker
- 9 <u>license pursuant to section 6 of this act</u>. The commission may, upon the
- 10 conditions it determines, grant to any microdistillery licensed under
- 11 this section a special license authorizing the microdistillery to
- 12 purchase and to import, from such persons as are entitled to sell the
- 13 same, wines or spirits to be used solely as ingredients and for the sole
- 14 purpose of blending with and flavoring microdistillery products as a part
- 15 of the microdistillation process.
- 16 Sec. 17. Section 53-131, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 17 2014, is amended to read:
- 18 53-131 (1) Any person desiring to obtain a new license to sell
- 19 alcoholic liquor at retail, a craft brewery license, or a microdistillery
- 20 license shall file with the commission:
- 21 (a) An application in triplicate original upon forms the commission
- 22 prescribes, including the information required by subsection (3) of this
- 23 section for an application to operate a cigar bar and the information
- 24 required by subsection (5) of this section for an application to host a
- 25 poker game or tournament as provided in section 8 of this act;
- 26 (b) The license fee if under sections 53-124 and 53-124.01 such fee
- 27 is payable to the commission, which fee shall be returned to the
- 28 applicant if the application is denied; and
- 29 (c) The nonrefundable application fee in the sum of four hundred
- 30 dollars, except that the nonrefundable application fee for an application
- 31 for a cigar bar shall be one thousand dollars and the nonrefundable

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application fee for an application to host a poker game or tournament 1

- <u>shall be one thousand dollars</u>. 2
- 3 (2) The commission shall notify the clerk of the city or village in which such license is sought or, if the license sought is not sought 4
- 5 within a city or village, the county clerk of the county in which such
- 6 license is sought, of the receipt of the application and shall include
- 7 one copy of the application with the notice. No such license shall be
- 8 issued or denied by the commission until the expiration of the time
- 9 allowed for the receipt of a recommendation of denial or an objection
- requiring a hearing under subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of section 53-133. 10
- 11 During the period of forty-five days after the date of receipt by mail or
- 12 electronic delivery of such application from the commission, the local
- governing body of such city, village, or county may make and submit to 13
- 14 the commission recommendations relative to the granting or refusal to
- 15 grant such license to the applicant.
- (3) For an application to operate a cigar bar, the application shall 16
- 17 include proof of the cigar bar's annual gross revenue as requested by the
- commission and such other information as requested by the commission to 18
- establish the intent to operate as a cigar bar. The commission may adopt 19
- 20 and promulgate rules and regulations to regulate cigar bars.
- 21 (4) For renewal of a license under this section, a licensee shall
- 22 file with the commission an application, the license fee as provided in
- 23 subdivision (1)(b) of this section, and a renewal fee of forty-five
- 24 dollars.
- (5) For an application to host poker games or tournaments, the 25
- 26 application shall include an agreement to notify the commission at least
- 27 three days prior to holding a poker game or tournament and shall include
- such other information as requested by the commission. The commission may 28
- 29 adopt and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the
- 30 Nebraska Liquor Control Act to regulate poker games and tournaments
- conducted by licensees with poker endorsements and by special designated 31

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- 1 poker licensees.
- 2 Sec. 18. Original section 53-123.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, and sections 9-1,101, 53-101, 53-103, 53-117.06, 53-123.14,
- 4 53-123.16, and 53-131, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, are
- 5 repealed.