

**Alcohol Beverage Study Commission  
Public Comment Form\***

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Please provide any background information you believe to be relevant along with any supporting information or research you would like the Commission to consider along with this Public Comment Form.

**Please provide your specific thoughts on the following questions and use additional paper if necessary:**

What are the issues that affect your business/industry relative to the three tier system?

Absolute interpretation of how to use manufacturer, wholesale, and retail license types to control beverage alcohol. No other state does this, and Alabama is all alone. Additionally, it appears that some privileges, self-distribution” and others, appear to be a “universal” right afforded to over 6,500 wineries. Only 41 wineries in the U.S. are excluded from this privilege. Is this a “constitutional” issue?

What solutions would you suggest to solve the issues you identified?

Create a “limited” manufacturer license at a fair cost (\$150) at a production limit, and follow the guidance of recent Federal Court cases to craft legislation. Include privileges that support this “local” issue – self distribution, sales outlets, off-premise events, and purchase of other limited manufacturer products.

Are there any specific issues relative to licensing that should be addressed in the law?

- 1) Alabama municipalities are not following licensing code as they will not afford small wholesalers a “delivery” license for the cost of \$100.
- 2) Commercial licensing should be done at the state level only.