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NEWLY FILED BILLS PROPOSE STREAMLINED OPERATIONS FOR MULTI-LOCATION BREWERIES IN TEXAS

Texas Craft Brewers Guild Supports 'Interfacility Transfer' bills

AUSTIN, Texas (April 3, 2025) – With the 89th Texas Legislature currently underway, the Texas Craft Brewers Guild is proud to support [SB 1240](#) and [HB 4773](#) by State Senator Mayes Middleton (SD 11) and State Representative Dade Phelan (HD 21). Known as the 'Interfacility Transfer' legislation, these companion bills are designed to streamline operations for multi-location breweries managing their own inventory across facilities.

"Today, if a brewery with two facilities runs out of its flagship lager at location A but has plenty of extra stock at location B, they face unnecessary hurdles," said Caroline Wallace, Executive Director of the Texas Craft Brewers Guild. "Instead of simply reallocating inventory internally, they encounter a mountain of red tape. This can involve paying a distributor to move their own product between their own facilities or structuring their locations as separate business entities just to sell the product back to themselves—requiring state and federal product registration which would otherwise only be necessary if the beer was entering the broader marketplace. This is illogical, inefficient, and slows down product availability."

In today's market, not every brewery chooses to scale up a single production facility as it grows. Whether due to real estate limitations or a strategic decision to expand through multiple community-focused locations, many established craft breweries are opting to

open additional facilities. This strategy allows them to serve new cities or neighborhoods and create vital community gathering spaces, yet they often run into outdated regulations that stifle growth.

“Senate Bill 1240 is a commonsense, free market bill that will allow Texas craft breweries with multiple locations to operate more efficiently,” said Senator Mayes Middleton.

“Current law forbids brewers from doing the simplest thing: transporting their own craft beer between restaurants and facilities that those same brewers own. Instead, they are forced to use a third party to move their own product to their own facilities. Unnecessary government red tape like this are the kind of policies that make no sense to Texans and stifle economic growth. S.B. 1240 grants breweries and brewpubs around the state the opportunity to grow and expand their businesses, hire more Texans, grow their revenue, and move into new communities to provide the products Texas consumers demand.”

With Interfacility Transfer, the state of Texas has an opportunity to reinforce the 'Open for Business' ethos and support growth opportunities for brewers across the state.

“Texas thrives when small businesses have the freedom to grow and innovate,” Representative Dade Phelan said. “Supporting interfacility transfer for our local breweries is a way to cut red tape, boost business efficiency, and create more jobs across our communities.”

SB 1240 and HB 4773 are currently awaiting committee hearings. The Texas Craft Brewers Guild is proud to support Interfacility Transfer as well as a number of other bills this session which aim to increase operational flexibility and paths to market for Texas craft brewers.

Texans who want to learn more, and reach out to their legislators in support of these bills, can visit texascraftbrewersguild.org/governmentaffairs.

Additional press releases, images, and industry statistics are available for media members at texascraftbrewersguild.org/presskit.

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ABOUT THE TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS GUILD:

As a member-driven organization, the Texas Craft Brewers Guild fights for the advancement of independent beer brewed in the Lone Star state. Together, we promote, propel, and protect our collective interests while enlisting our fellow Texans to raise a glass and join us. The Guild's Board of Directors hail from craft breweries in all the major metropolitan regions of the state, as well as different brewery types and sizes to

represent the Guild's ~300 brewery members throughout the state, including operating breweries, as well as those that are in the advanced planning stages. The Guild also welcomes allied trade, retail, education, and nonprofit members who support the craft brewing industry as well as Texas cities committed to craft beer tourism and economic development through the Brew City, Texas program. To learn more about the Texas Craft Brewers Guild visit texascraftbrewersguild.org.