

41-1101. Discrimination in sales, services or prices unlawful; filing of statement; exceptions; multiple case discounts prohibited. (a)

No distributor licensed under this act shall purchase any alcoholic liquor from any manufacturer, owner of alcoholic liquor at the time it becomes a marketable product, exclusive agent of such manufacturer or owner, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor of alcoholic liquor bottled in a foreign country either within or without this state, unless the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor files with the director a written statement sworn to by the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor or, in case of a corporation, one of its principal officers, agreeing to sell any of the brands or kinds of alcoholic liquor manufactured or distributed by the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor to any distributor licensed in this state and having a franchise to distribute the alcoholic liquor pursuant to K.S.A. 41-410, and amendments thereto, and to make such sales to all such licensed distributors in this state at the same current price and without discrimination. Each manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery or farm winery shall provide to each distributor written notice not less than 45 days before any change in the current price of any spirits or wine which such manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery or farm winery sells to such distributor. If any manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor making the agreement violates the agreement by refusing to sell such alcoholic liquor to any such franchised licensed distributor in this state or discriminates in current prices among such franchised licensed distributors making or attempting to make purchases of alcoholic liquor from the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor, the director shall notify, by registered mail, each such franchised licensed distributor in this state of the violation. Thereupon, it shall be unlawful for a franchised licensed distributor in this state to purchase any alcoholic liquor from the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor. If thereafter such a franchised licensed distributor purchases any alcoholic liquor from the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor, such franchised distributor's license shall be revoked by the director. If any manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor of alcoholic liquor bottled in a foreign country, making any agreement hereunder, does not have a sufficient supply of alcoholic liquor of any of the brands or kinds which the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor manufactures or distributes to supply the demands of all licensed distributors having a franchise to distribute such alcoholic liquor, the manufacturer, owner, exclusive agent, microbrewery, microdistillery, farm winery or distributor may ration such alcoholic liquor and apportion the available supply among such franchised licensed distributors purchasing or attempting to purchase it, in accordance with a plan which shall be subject to the approval of the director.

(b) No retailer licensed under this act shall purchase any alcoholic liquor from any distributor licensed under this act unless the distributor files with the director a written statement sworn to by the distributor, or in case of a corporation by one of its principal officers, agreeing to sell any of the brands or kinds of alcoholic liquor distributed by the distributor and to provide service in connection therewith to any licensed retailer whose licensed premises are located within the geographic territory of the distributor's franchise for the alcoholic liquor, unless written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the director, and to make such sales to all such licensed retailers at the same current bottle, sleeve and case price and without discrimination. For purposes of this subsection the "same current bottle, sleeve and case price" for spirits and wine means a price effective for a specified period as designated by the distributor on or before the first day of each month. If any distributor making the agreement violates the agreement by refusing to sell or provide service to any such licensed retailer in this state without written approval of the director or discriminates in current prices among such licensed retailers making or attempting to make purchases of alcoholic liquor from the distributor, the director may revoke the license of the distributor. If any licensed distributor making any agreement hereunder does not have a sufficient supply of alcoholic liquor of any of the brands or kinds which the distributor distributes to supply the demands of all such licensed retailers, the distributor may ration such alcoholic liquor and apportion the available supply among such licensed retailers purchasing or attempting to purchase the same, in accordance with a plan which shall be subject to the approval of the director.

(c) No club or drinking establishment licensed in this state shall purchase any wine or beer from any distributor licensed under this act unless the distributor files with the director a written statement sworn to by the distributor, or in case of a corporation by one of its principal officers, agreeing to sell any of the brands or kinds of wine or beer distributed by the distributor to those clubs and drinking establishments to which the distributor is authorized to sell such wine or beer and to which the distributor desires to sell such wine or beer, unless written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the director and to make such sales to all such licensed clubs or drinking establishments at the same current bottle and case price and without discrimination. If any distributor making the agreement violates the agreement by refusing to sell to any such licensed club or drinking establishment in this state without written approval of the director or discriminates in current prices among such licensed clubs or drinking establishments making or attempting to make purchases of wine or beer from the distributor, the director may revoke the license of the distributor. If any licensed distributor making any agreement hereunder does not have a sufficient supply of wine or beer of any of the brands or kinds which the distributor distributes to supply the demands of all such licensed clubs or drinking establishments, the distributor may ration such wine or beer and apportion the available supply among such licensed clubs or drinking establishments purchasing or attempting to purchase the same, in accordance with a plan which shall be subject to the approval of the director.

For the purposes of this subsection, a delivery charge shall not be considered a part of the price of wine or beer sold by a distributor.

(d) No retailer licensed under K.S.A. 41-2701 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall purchase any cereal malt beverage from any distributor licensed under this act unless the distributor files with the director a written statement sworn to by the distributor, or in case of a corporation by one of its principal officers, agreeing to sell any of the brands or kinds of cereal malt beverage distributed by the distributor to those retailers to which the distributor is authorized to sell such cereal malt beverage, unless written approval to do otherwise is obtained from the director, and to make such sales to all such licensed retailers at the same current price and without discrimination. If any distributor making the agreement violates the agreement by refusing to sell to any such licensed retailer in this state without written approval of the director or discriminates in current prices among such licensed retailers making or attempting to make purchases of cereal malt beverage from the distributor, the director may revoke the license of the distributor. If any licensed distributor making any agreement hereunder does not have a sufficient supply of cereal malt beverage of any of the brands or kinds which the distributor distributes to supply the demands of all such licensed retailers, the distributor may ration such cereal malt beverage and apportion the available supply among such licensed retailers purchasing or attempting to purchase the same, in accordance with a plan which shall be subject to the approval of the director.

(e) No distributor shall sell alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage to a retailer licensed under the Kansas liquor control act, to a club, drinking establishment or caterer licensed under the club and drinking establishment act or to a retailer licensed under K.S.A. 41-2702, and amendments thereto, at a discount for multiple case lots.

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