

(i) A brewer, distiller, rectifier, bottler, manufacturer, vintner, or winery; or

(ii) A sales agent of one of those under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, provided proof of that agency is presented to the Comptroller; or

(iii) An importer of beer, wine, or distilled beverages produced outside the United States WHO PURCHASES DIRECTLY FROM THE BRAND OWNER OR FROM A SALES AGENT OF A BREWER, DISTILLER, RECTIFIER, BOTTLER, MANUFACTURER, VINTNER, OR WINERY, WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY THE BRAND OWNER TO SELL IN MARYLAND, AND WHO HAS PROVIDED PROOF OF THIS SALES AGENCY RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMPTROLLER; or

(iv) An American sales agent of an importer under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, provided proof of that agency is presented to the Comptroller.

(4) (I) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a nonresident dealer's permit is not required to make direct sales and shipments [into] TO A WHOLESALER WITHIN this State from a location outside the continental limits and possessions of the United States.

(II) ANY MARYLAND WHOLESALER WHO DIRECTLY IMPORTS BEER, WINE, OR DISTILLED SPIRITS FROM OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL LIMITS AND POSSESSIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE THE BRAND OWNER OR AN IMPORTER AS DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved June 2, 1987.

CHAPTER 764

(Senate Bill 828)

AN ACT concerning

Privileged Communications - News Media

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting a person, employed by the news media in any news-gathering, or news-disseminating capacity, from being compelled to disclose the source of any news or information, or any news or information procured for communication to the public but which is not so communicated~~