

# **USPS Shipping Equity Act**

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### **Background:**

- Currently, 43 states and the District of Columbia permit some direct-to-consumer shipments of alcoholic beverages.
- In 2018, direct-to-consumer shipments of wine alone totaled \$3 billion, and wineries shipped over 6 million cases of wine.
- Private carriers such as UPS and FedEx have been shipping alcoholic beverages for decades.
- The United States Postal Service (USPS) is prohibited from shipping alcohol under laws passed around the time of Prohibition.

### **Bill Summary – the USPS Shipping Equity Act:**

- Removes the prohibition on shipping alcoholic beverages through USPS.
- Retains state and local control of alcohol.
  - Requires USPS alcohol shipments to comply with state and local laws in force at the point of delivery.
  - Allows USPS to do the same thing the private carriers are already doing.
- Requires USPS to set up regulations, with some requirements:
  - Shippers must register with Treasury, federal regulator of alcohol.
  - Recipients must be 21 or older, with valid government-issued ID.
  - Shipments only to consumers – deliveries cannot be for resale or commercial.

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