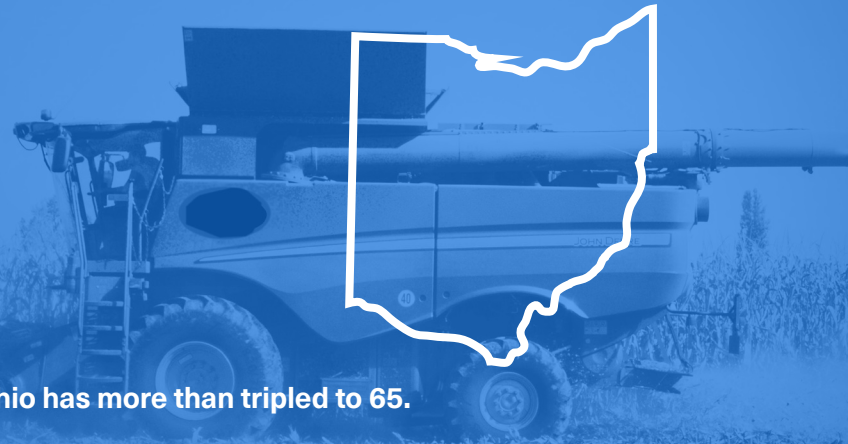


DISTILLED SPIRITS & OHIO



- | In 2014, there were 20 distilleries in Ohio.
- | Just 5 years later, the number of distilleries in Ohio has more than tripled to 65.
- | Ohio distillers make whiskeys, gins, vodkas, brandies, and specialty spirits.

Ohio Distillers Support the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act.

If Congress doesn't pass the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act by the end of the year, craft distillers could face a **400% tax increase**. That would force many distillers to close their doors.

Ohio Distillers Annually Support

JOBS

46,523

STATE GDP

Over \$3.5B

STATE EXPORTS

\$2.1M

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Continuing the federal excise tax reduction is essential to continuing our plans for expansion here at Cleveland Whiskey. We're designing a new and significantly expanded facility, intend to double our staff and make some serious technology investments and it's the tax savings that allow us to grow.

— **Tom Lix, CEO,**
Cleveland Whiskey,
Cleveland, Ohio

The temporary reduction of the excise tax allowed for us to add jobs, provide medical benefits to our full-time employees, and invest in more production equipment — in turn utilizing significantly more locally sourced agricultural products. Should the excise tax expire without renewal, these critical investments (and the momentum they generate) would be at risk.

— **Brady Konya, General Manager,**
Middle West Spirits,
Columbus, Ohio

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