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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 97

5 By: Senator Hester
6 By: Representative J. Moore
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
10 BEVERAGES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL
11 RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS TO CERTAIN EXISTING HOLDERS OF
12 RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL
17 RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS TO CERTAIN
18 EXISTING HOLDERS OF RETAIL LIQUOR
19 PERMITS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-205(b)(1)(A), concerning the
24 prohibition on issuing a retail liquor permit to a person, firm, or
25 corporation with an interest in another retail liquor permit, is amended to
26 read as follows:

27 (b)(1)(A) ~~No~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a
28 retail liquor permit shall not be issued, either as a new permit or as a
29 replacement of an existing permit, to any person, firm, or corporation if the
30 person, firm, or corporation has any interest in another retail liquor
31 permit, regardless of the degree of interest.
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-4-205, concerning interests in other
34 retail liquor permits, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as
35 follows:

36 (e)(1) A person, firm, or corporation, after obtaining one (1) retail



1 liquor permit, may become the holder of up to two (2) additional retail
2 liquor permits.

3 (2)(A) A person, firm, or corporation may not hold more than one
4 (1) retail liquor permit in the same county.

5 (B) An additional retail liquor permit may be held under
6 this subsection only in a county having a population of two hundred thousand
7 (200,000) or more persons in the most recent decennial census.

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