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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 To amend Section 28-3A-25, Code of Alabama 1975,
12 relating to the regulation of alcoholic beverages; to permit a
13 tasting of liquor or wine conducted by a licensed manufacturer
14 or its representative to be held on the premises of a store
15 which is licensed to sell liquor for off-premises consumption
16 only and within a state liquor store; to provide that the
17 Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board would regulate the
18 procedure for the tasting of wine and distilled liquor.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law,
21 a tasting of liquor or wine may be conducted by a licensed
22 manufacturer or its representative inside the premises of a
23 retail licensee who is licensed to sell liquor for
24 off-premises consumption only or inside a state liquor store,
25 in compliance with this act and rules of the Alabama Alcoholic
26 Beverage Control Board.

1 (b) Each holder of a retail license for the sale of
2 liquor or off-premises consumption only may permit a licensed
3 manufacturer or its representative to conduct at no charge to
4 the consumer, inside the premises of the licensee, tastings of
5 wine and distilled spirits. These tastings may not exceed one
6 ounce serving of each wine, the number of wines being limited
7 to no more than four products at any one tasting; and
8 one-quarter ounce serving of each distilled spirit, the number
9 of distilled spirits being limited to no more than two
10 products at any one tasting. The tasting shall commence no
11 later than six o'clock p.m. and end within two hours of the
12 initial tasting. There shall be only one tasting of any kind
13 on a given premises within a 24-hour period.

14 Section 2. Section 28-3A-25, Code of Alabama 1975,
15 is amended to read as follows:

16 "§28-3A-25.

17 "(a) It shall be unlawful:

18 "(1) For any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler,
19 or the servants, agents, or employees of the same, to sell,
20 trade, or barter in alcoholic beverages between the hours of
21 nine o'clock P.M. of any Saturday and two o'clock A.M. of the
22 following Monday.

23 "(2) For any wholesaler or the servants, agents, or
24 employees of the wholesaler to sell alcoholic beverages, to
25 other than wholesale or retail licensees or others within this
26 state lawfully authorized to sell alcoholic beverages, or to
27 sell for export.

1 "(3) For any person, licensee, or the board either
2 directly or by the servants, agents, or employees of the same,
3 or for any servant, agent, or employee of the same, to sell,
4 deliver, furnish, or give away alcoholic beverages to any
5 person under the legal drinking age, as defined in Section
6 28-1-5, or to permit any person under the legal drinking age,
7 as defined in Section 28-1-5, to drink, consume, or possess
8 any alcoholic beverages on any licensee's premises.

9 "(4) For any person to consume alcoholic beverages
10 on the premises of any state liquor store or any off-premises
11 licensee, or to allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed on
12 the premises of any state liquor store or any off-premises
13 licensee, except as specifically allowed by law for the
14 tasting of alcoholic beverages.

15 "(5) For any licensee to fail to keep for a period
16 of at least three years, complete and truthful records
17 covering the operation of his or her license and particularly
18 showing the date of all purchases of alcoholic beverages, the
19 actual price paid therefor, and the name of the vendor, or to
20 refuse the board or any authorized employee of the board
21 access to the records or the opportunity to make copies of the
22 records when the request is made during business hours.

23 "(6) For any licensee or the servants, agents, or
24 employees of the same to refuse the board, any of its
25 authorized employees, or any duly commissioned law enforcement
26 officer the right to completely inspect the entire licensed
27 premises at any time the premises are open for business.

1 "(7) For any person to knowingly sell any alcoholic
2 beverages to any person engaged in the business of illegally
3 selling alcoholic beverages.

4 "(8) For any person to manufacture, transport, or
5 import alcoholic beverages into this state, except in
6 accordance with the reasonable rules and regulations of the
7 board. This subdivision shall not prohibit the transportation
8 of alcoholic beverages through the state or any dry county so
9 long as the beverages are not for delivery therein, if the
10 transportation is done in accordance with the reasonable rules
11 and regulations of the board.

12 "(9) For any person to fortify, adulterate,
13 contaminate, or in any manner change the character or purity
14 of alcoholic beverages from that as originally marketed by the
15 manufacturer, except that a retail licensee on order from a
16 customer may mix a chaser or other ingredients necessary to
17 prepare a cocktail or mixed drink for on-premises consumption.

18 "(10) For any person licensed to sell alcoholic
19 beverages to offer to give any thing of value as a premium for
20 the return of caps, stoppers, corks, stamps, or labels taken
21 from any bottle, case, barrel, or package containing the
22 alcoholic beverages, or to offer to give any thing of value as
23 a premium or present to induce the purchase of the alcoholic
24 beverages, or for any other purpose whatsoever in connection
25 with the sale of the alcoholic beverages. This subdivision
26 shall not apply to the return of any moneys specifically

1 deposited for the return of the original containers to the
2 owners of the containers.

3 "(11) For any licensee or transporter for hire,
4 servant, agent, or employee of the same, to transport any
5 alcoholic beverages except in the original container, and for
6 any transporter for hire to transport any alcoholic beverages
7 within the state, unless the transporter holds a permit issued
8 by the board.

9 "(12) For any manufacturer, importer, or wholesaler,
10 servant, agent, or employee of the same, to deliver any
11 alcoholic beverages, except in vehicles bearing such
12 information on each side of the vehicle as required by the
13 board.

14 "(13) For any person to sell alcoholic beverages
15 within any dry county or county where the electors have voted
16 against the sales, except in wet municipalities or as
17 authorized by Section 28-3A-18.

18 "(14) For any person, firm, corporation,
19 partnership, or association of persons as the terms are
20 defined in Section 28-3-1, including any civic center
21 authority, racing commission, fair authority, airport
22 authority, public or quasi-public board, agency, or
23 commission, any agent thereof, or otherwise, who or which has
24 not been properly licensed under the appropriate provisions of
25 this chapter to sell, offer for sale, or have in possession
26 for sale, any alcoholic beverages. Any alcoholic beverages so

1 possessed, maintained, or kept shall be contraband and subject
2 to condemnation and confiscation as provided by law.

3 "(15) For any manufacturer, distiller, producer,
4 importer, or distributor of alcoholic beverages to employ and
5 maintain any person, who is not a full-time bona fide
6 employee, as a resident sales agent, broker, or other like
7 representative, for the purpose of promoting a sale, purchase,
8 or acquisition of alcoholic beverages to or by the state or
9 the board, or for any person who is not a full-time bona fide
10 employee to act as an agent, broker, or representative of any
11 manufacturer, distributor, producer, importer, or distiller
12 for that purpose.

13 "(16) For any person to sell, give away, or
14 otherwise dispose of taxable alcoholic beverages within this
15 state on which the required taxes have not been paid as
16 required by law.

17 "(17) For any wholesaler or retailer, or the
18 servant, agent, or employee of the same, to sell, distribute,
19 deliver, or to receive or store for sale or distribution
20 within this state any alcoholic beverages unless there first
21 has been issued by the board a manufacturer's license to the
22 manufacturer of the alcoholic beverages or its designated
23 representative or an importer license to the importer of the
24 alcoholic beverages.

25 "(18) For any person under the legal drinking age,
26 as defined in Section 28-1-5, to attempt to purchase, to
27 purchase, consume, possess, or to transport any alcoholic

1 beverages within the state; provided, however, it shall not be
2 unlawful for a person under the legal drinking age, as defined
3 in Section 28-1-5, to be an employee of a wholesale licensee
4 or an off-premises retail licensee of the board to handle,
5 transport, or sell any beer or table wine if the person under
6 the legal drinking age is acting within the line and scope of
7 his or her employment while so acting. There must be an adult
8 licensee, servant, agent, or employee of the same present at
9 all times a licensed establishment is open for business.

10 "(19) For any person, except where authorized by a
11 local act or general act of local application, to buy, give
12 away, sell, or serve for consumption on or off the premises,
13 or to drink or consume any alcoholic beverages in any cafe,
14 lunchroom, restaurant, hotel dining room, or other public
15 place on Sunday after the hour of two o'clock A.M.

16 "(20) Except where authorized by a local act or
17 general act of local application, for the proprietor, keeper,
18 or operator of any cafe, lunchroom, restaurant, hotel dining
19 room, or other public place to knowingly permit any person to
20 give away, sell, or serve for consumption on or off the
21 premises, or to drink or consume any alcoholic beverages on
22 the premises of the cafe, lunchroom, restaurant, hotel dining
23 room, or other public place on Sunday after the hour of two
24 o'clock A.M.

25 "(21) For a person under the age of 21 years to
26 knowingly use or attempt to use a false, forged, deceptive, or

1 otherwise nongenuine driver's license to obtain or attempt to
2 obtain alcoholic beverages within this state.

3 "(b) (1) Any violation of subdivisions (1) through
4 (17) of subsection (a) shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a
5 fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than
6 one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to which, at the discretion of
7 the court or judge trying the case, may be added imprisonment
8 in the county jail or at hard labor for the county for not
9 more than six months for the first conviction; and, on the
10 second conviction of a violation of the subdivisions, the
11 offense shall, in addition to the aforementioned fine, be
12 punishable by imprisonment or at hard labor for the county for
13 not less than three months nor more than six months to be
14 imposed by the court or judge trying the case; and, on the
15 third conviction and every subsequent conviction of a
16 violation of the subdivisions, the offense shall, in addition
17 to a fine within the limits abovenamed, be punishable by
18 imprisonment or at hard labor for the county for not less than
19 six months nor more than 12 months.

20 "(2) Any violation of any provision of subdivisions
21 (18), (19), (20), and (21) of subsection (a) shall be a
22 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than fifty
23 dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), to
24 which, at the discretion of the court or judge trying the
25 case, may be added imprisonment in the county jail or at hard
26 labor for the county for not more than three months.

1 "(c) In addition to the penalties otherwise provided
2 for a violation of subdivisions (18) and (21) of subsection
3 (a), upon conviction, including convictions in juvenile court
4 or under the Youthful Offender Act, the offender's license to
5 operate a motor vehicle in this state shall be surrendered by
6 the offender to the judge adjudicating the case for a period
7 of not less than three months nor more than six months. The
8 judge shall forward a copy of the order suspending the license
9 to the Department of Public Safety for enforcement purposes."

10 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the sixth month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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