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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1228

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGNATED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE A DESIGNATED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IN AN AREA WITH ESTABLISHED ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DESIGNATED ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT IN AN AREA WITH ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-9-202(12), concerning a definition related to on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages, is amended to read as follows:

(12) "On-premises consumption" means the sale of alcoholic beverages by the drink or in broken or unsealed containers for consumption on the premises where sold or within the boundaries of a designated entertainment district established under § 14-54-1412 that is contiguous with the premises;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-54-1412(a)(2), concerning the definition of a "designated entertainment district", is amended to read as follows:

(2) Contains any number and any combination of restaurants,



taprooms, taverns, entertainment establishments, hospitality establishments, music venues, theaters, bars, private clubs, art galleries, art studios, tourist destinations, distilleries, dance clubs, cinemas, or concert halls.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-54-1412(b)(1), concerning the creation of a designated entertainment district by a city, municipality, or incorporated town, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A city, a municipality, or an incorporated town collecting a gross receipts tax on prepared food or hotel and motel accommodations under §§ 26-75-602 – 26-75-613 and located in a county with established entities authorized by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to sell alcoholic beverages may by ordinance create a designated entertainment district.

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