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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2036

By: Representative D. Douglas

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW MULTIPLE LOCATIONS UNDER THE SAME
RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT TO USE THE SAME BUSINESS NAME;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW MULTIPLE LOCATIONS UNDER THE
SAME RETAIL LIQUOR PERMIT TO USE THE SAME
BUSINESS NAME.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-205 is amended to read as follows:

3-4-205. Interest in other permits prohibited – Exceptions.

~~(a) For purposes of this section, the term “vested permits” is defined as those multiple retail liquor permits which were lawfully issued to any person, firm, or corporation prior to July 19, 1971.~~

~~(b)(1)(A) No~~ (a)(1)(A) A retail liquor permit shall not be issued, either as a new permit or as a replacement of an existing permit, to any person, firm, or corporation if the person, firm, or corporation has any interest in another retail liquor permit, regardless of the degree of interest.

(B) A retail liquor permit ~~shall apply~~ applies only to one (1) location, and a person, firm, or corporation shall not ~~be permitted to~~ receive any direct or indirect financial benefit from the sale of liquor at any location other than the permitted location.

~~(2) However, notwithstanding this prohibition, any retail liquor permits held by any person, firm, or corporation on July 19, 1971, which~~



~~continue to be held by any person, firm, or corporation having an interest in more than one (1) retail liquor permit on August 13, 1993, shall be vested permits.~~

~~(e)(1)(b)(1) Holders of vested permits~~ A holder of a retail liquor permit may not sell, convey, assign, or devise any such interest in multiple retail liquor permitted businesses to any person or persons, firm, or corporation which, on the date of any such transfer, already has any ownership interest in a permitted retail liquor business.

(2) However, ~~holders of vested permits shall be allowed to a~~ holder of a retail liquor permit may sell, convey, assign, or devise any such interest in multiple retail liquor permitted businesses to any other person or persons, firm, or corporation, thereby creating an ownership interest in more than one (1) retail liquor permit to any such subsequent purchasers, assignees, or devisees without violating any of the provisions ~~hereinabove of~~ this section.

~~(d)(c)~~ A holder of a vested retail liquor permit may brand each of the businesses that is operated under the ~~vested~~ retail liquor permit with the same name or logo, or both.