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A Bill

SENATE BILL 378

By: Senator J. Hutchinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE LAW REGARDING THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF RETAIL LIQUOR STORES; TO ALLOW RETAIL LIQUOR STORES TO SHIP AND DELIVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO ALLOW RETAIL LIQUOR STORES TO SELL FOOD AND ALCOHOL RELATED ITEMS; TO ALLOW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE PERMITTEES TO PAY DISTRIBUTORS WITH A CREDIT CARD; TO ALLOW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE PERMITTEES TO FORM GROUPS OF UP TO FOUR (4) PERMITTEES FOR THE PURPOSE OF POOLING PURCHASING POWER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODERNIZE THE LAW REGARDING THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF RETAIL LIQUOR STORES; TO ALLOW RETAIL LIQUOR STORES TO SHIP AND DELIVER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND TO SELL FOOD AND ASSOCIATED MERCHANDISE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-604, concerning retail liquor permits, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(h)(1) A permittee under this section may ship vinous and spirituous liquors for beverage purposes to a private residence.

(2) A permittee under this section may deliver vinous and spirituous liquors for beverage purposes to a private residence.

(i) A permittee under this section may sell:

(1) Food; and



(2)(A) Merchandise related to the preparation and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

(B) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall adopt rules regarding the sale of merchandise under subdivision (i)(2)(A) of this section.

(j) A permittee under this section may use a credit card belonging to the permittee to pay a wholesaler or distributor for the purchase of vinous or spirituous liquors.

(k) A group of no more than four (4) permittees under this section may cooperate in purchasing vinous and spirituous liquors from a wholesaler or distributor.