

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 758

By: Senator Collins-Smith
By: Representative Hammer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REVIEW, STUDY, AND REFORM ALL LAWS,
STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND RULES PERTAINING TO BEER,
LIQUOR AND WINE IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REVIEW, STUDY, AND REFORM ALL LAWS,
STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND RULES
PERTAINING TO BEER, LIQUOR AND WINE IN
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board have a great degree of authority in licensing, regulating, and penalizing establishments serving and dispensing beer, liquor, and wine in this state;

(2) The General Assembly should take proactive steps to ensure that the regulatory authority granted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is practical, up-to-date, and in line with best practices; and

(3) The optimal way to provide for oversight of the authority granted to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage



Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is to provide for a review of the laws and rules governing the operations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

(b) The Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs, and the House Rules Committee, meeting jointly, shall conduct a review of the operations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, including without limitation a review of the:

(1) Laws pertaining to beer, liquor, and wine in the state of Arkansas to identify provisions of law that are outdated, ineffective, or otherwise in need of revision or modernization;

(2) Rules of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division to identify regulations that are outdated, ineffective, or otherwise in need of revision or modernization; and

(3) Fine and penalty authority of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Division, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, with particular attention to whether there is equity in the fines and penalties assessed to small retailers when compared to the fines and penalties assessed to large retailers.

(c) On or before October 1, 2018, the committees shall provide a report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

(1) Summarizing the results of the study; and

(2) Outlining specific statutes and rules in need of revision.

/s/Collins-Smith