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A Bill

SENATE BILL 97

By: Senator Hester

By: Representative J. Moore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS TO CERTAIN EXISTING HOLDERS OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS TO CERTAIN EXISTING HOLDERS OF RETAIL LIQUOR PERMITS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-205(b)(1)(A), concerning the prohibition on issuing a retail liquor permit to a person, firm, or corporation with an interest in another retail liquor permit, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) ~~No~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, 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.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-4-205, concerning interests in other retail liquor permits, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e)(1) A person, firm, or corporation, after obtaining one (1) retail



liquor permit, may become the holder of up to two (2) additional retail liquor permits.

(2)(A) A person, firm, or corporation may not hold more than one (1) retail liquor permit in the same county.

(B) An additional retail liquor permit may be held under this subsection only in a county having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more persons in the most recent decennial census.