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ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 425

By: Holt of the Senate

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An Act relating to intoxicating liquor; amending 37 O.S. 2011, Section 506, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 521, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 523, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 523.1, 523.2, 527.1 as amended by Section 6, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 535, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 537.1, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 554, 577, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 591, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014, 594 and 596, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Sections 506, 521, 523, 527.1, 535, 537.1, 577, 591 and 596), which relate to definitions, authorized acts, issuance of licenses, denial of licenses, application for licensure, special event licenses, exemptions from excise tax, limitation on distribution, caterer license, and responsibility for violations; modifying definitions; adding definition; modifying language; allowing certain beverages to be sold to charitable organizations; allowing certain licensee to utilize licensed caterer under certain conditions; setting time for application for public event licenses; requiring certain caterers be declared upon application; requiring certain caterers pay certain taxes; deleting language; excepting certain employees from certain requirements; including public event license applicants in requirements; requiring corporations and limited liability company to submit certain information for public event license; including charitable event under certain

prohibitions; construing grounds for denial of license or renewal for felony conviction; exempting certain beverages from certain taxes; prohibiting dispensing certain beverages by charitable event at certain times; making charitable event licensee responsible for certain violations; making gender neutral; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act procedures

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 506, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 506), is amended to read as follows:

Section 506. When used in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, the following words and phrases shall have the following meaning:

1. "ABLE Commission" means the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;

2. "Alcohol" means and includes hydrated oxide of ethyl, ethyl alcohol, ethanol, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced. It does not include wood alcohol or alcohol which has been denatured or produced as denatured in accordance with Acts of Congress and regulations promulgated thereunder;

3. "Alcoholic beverage" means alcohol, spirits, beer, and wine as those terms are defined herein and also includes every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed as a beverage by human beings, but does not include low-point beer as that term is defined in Section 163.2 of this title;

4. "Applicant" means any individual, legal or commercial business entity, or any individual involved in any legal or

commercial business entity allowed to hold any license issued in accordance with the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;

5. "Beer" means any beverage containing more than three and two-tenths percent (3.2%) of alcohol by weight and obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, or other grain, malt or similar products. "Beer" may or may not contain hops or other vegetable products. "Beer" includes, among other things, beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and other malt or brewed liquors, but does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine;

6. "Bottle club" means any establishment in a county which has not authorized the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink, which is required to be licensed to keep, mix, and serve alcoholic beverages belonging to club members on club premises;

7. "Brewer" means any person who produces beer in this state;

8. "Class B wholesaler" means and includes any person doing any such acts or carrying on any such business that would require such person to obtain a Class B wholesaler license hereunder;

9. "Convicted" and "conviction" mean and include a finding of guilt resulting from a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, the decision of a court or magistrate or the verdict of a jury, irrespective of the pronouncement of judgment or the suspension thereof;

10. "Director" means the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission under the supervision of said Commission;

11. "Distiller" means any person who produces spirits from any source or substance, or any person who brews or makes mash, wort, or wash, fit for distillation or for the production of spirits (except a person making or using such material in the authorized production of wine or beer, or the production of vinegar by fermentation), or any person who by any process separates alcoholic spirits from any fermented substance, or any person who, making or keeping mash, wort, or wash, has also in his or her possession or use a still;

12. "Hotel" or "motel" shall mean an establishment which is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the individual drink and which contains guestroom accommodations with respect to which the predominant relationship existing between the occupants thereof and the owner or operator of the establishment is that of innkeeper and guest. For purposes of this section, the existence of other legal relationships as between some occupants and the owner or operator thereof shall be immaterial;

13. "Legal newspaper" means a newspaper meeting the requisites of a newspaper for publication of legal notices as prescribed in Sections 101 through 114 of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

14. "Licensee" means any person holding a license under the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, and any agent, servant, or employee of such licensee while in the performance of any act or duty in connection with the licensed business or on the licensed premises;

15. "Light beer" means a low-point beer controlled under this title;

16. "Light wine" means any wine containing not more than fourteen percent (14%) alcohol measured by volume at sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit;

17. "Manufacturer's agent" means a salaried or commissioned salesman who sells to a wholesaler or Class B wholesaler only;

18. "Manufacturer" means a brewer, distiller, winemaker, rectifier, or bottler of any alcoholic beverage;

19. "Meals" means foods commonly ordered at lunch or dinner and at least part of which is cooked on the licensed premises and requires the use of dining implements for consumption. Provided, that the service of only food such as appetizers, sandwiches, salads or desserts shall not be considered "meals";

20. "Mini-bar" means a closed container, either refrigerated, in whole or in part, or nonrefrigerated, and access to the interior of which is (1) restricted by means of a locking device which

requires the use of a key, magnetic card, or similar device, or (2) controlled at all times by the licensee;

21. "Mixed beverage cooler" means any beverage, by whatever name designated, consisting of an alcoholic beverage and fruit or vegetable juice, fruit or vegetable flavorings, dairy products or carbonated water containing more than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of alcohol measured by volume but not more than seven percent (7%) alcohol by volume at sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit and which is packaged in a container not larger than three hundred seventy-five (375) milliliters. Such term shall include, but not be limited to, the beverage popularly known as a "wine cooler";

22. "Mixed beverages" means one or more servings of a beverage composed in whole or part of an alcoholic beverage in a sealed or unsealed container of any legal size for consumption on the premises where served or sold by the holder of a mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, public event, charitable event or special event license;

23. "Motion picture theater" means a place where motion pictures are exhibited and to which the general public is admitted, but does not include a place where meals, as defined by this section, are served, if only persons over twenty-one (21) years of age are admitted;

24. "Retail salesperson" means a salesperson soliciting orders from and calling upon retail alcoholic beverage stores with regard to his or her product;

25. "Occupation" as used in connection with "occupation tax" means the sites occupied as the places of business of the manufacturers, wholesalers, Class B wholesalers, retailers, mixed beverage licensees, beer and wine licensees, bottle clubs, caterers, public event, and special event licensees;

26. "Original package" means any container of alcoholic beverage filled and stamped or sealed by the manufacturer;

27. "Patron" means any person, customer, or visitor who is not employed by a licensee or who is not a licensee;

28. "Person" means an individual, any type of partnership, corporation, association, limited liability company or any individual involved in the legal structure of any such business entity;

29. "Premises" means the grounds and all buildings and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds including any adjacent premises if under the direct or indirect control of the licensee and the rooms and equipment under the control of the licensee and used in connection with or in furtherance of the business covered by a license. Provided that the ABLE Commission shall have the authority to designate areas to be excluded from the licensed premises solely for the purpose of:

a. allowing the presence and consumption of alcoholic beverages by private parties which are closed to the general public, or

b. allowing the services of a caterer serving alcoholic beverages provided by a private party.

This exception shall in no way limit the licensee's concurrent responsibility for any violations of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act occurring on the licensed premises;

30. "Public event" means any event that can be attended by the general public;

31. "Private event" means a social gathering or event attended by invited guests who share a common cause, membership, business or task and have a prior established relationship. For purposes of this definition, advertisement for general public attendance or sales of tickets to the general public shall not constitute a private event;

32. "Rectifier" means any person who rectifies, purifies, or refines spirits or wines by any process (other than by original and continuous distillation, or original and continuous processing, from mash, wort, wash, or other substance, through continuous closed vessels and pipes, until the production thereof is complete), and any person who, without rectifying, purifying, or refining spirits, shall by mixing (except for immediate consumption on the premises

where mixed) such spirits, wine, or other liquor with any material, manufactures any spurious, imitation, or compound liquors for sale, under the name of whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, wine, spirits, cordials, or any other name;

~~32.~~ 33. "Regulation" or "rule" means a formal rule of general application promulgated by the ABLE Commission as herein required;

~~33.~~ 34. "Restaurant" means an establishment that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption and where food is prepared and sold for immediate consumption on the premises;

~~34.~~ 35. "Retail container for spirits and wines" means an original package of any capacity approved by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms;

~~35.~~ 36. "Retailer" means the holder of a Package Store License;

~~36.~~ 37. "Sale" means any transfer, exchange or barter in any manner or by any means whatsoever, and includes and means all sales made by any person, whether as principal, proprietor or as an agent, servant or employee. The term "sale" is also declared to be and include the use or consumption in this state of any alcoholic beverage obtained within or imported from without this state, upon which the excise tax levied by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act has not been paid or exempted;

~~37.~~ 38. "Short order food" means food other than full meals including but not limited to sandwiches, soups, and salads. Provided that popcorn, chips, and other similar snack food shall not be considered "short order food";

~~38.~~ 39. "Sparkling wine" means champagne or any artificially carbonated wine;

~~39.~~ 40. "Spirits" means any beverage other than wine, beer or light beer, which contains more than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) alcohol measured by volume and obtained by distillation, whether or not mixed with other substances in solution and includes those products known as whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, vodka, liqueurs, cordials and fortified wines and similar compounds; but shall not

include any alcohol liquid completely denatured in accordance with the Acts of Congress and regulations pursuant thereto;

~~40.~~ 41. "Wholesaler" means and includes any person doing any such acts or carrying on any such business or businesses that would require such person to obtain a wholesaler's license or licenses hereunder;

~~41.~~ 42. "Wine" means and includes any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) alcohol by volume and not more than twenty-four percent (24%) alcohol by volume at sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit obtained by the fermentation of the natural contents of fruits, vegetables, honey, milk or other products containing sugar, whether or not other ingredients are added, and includes vermouth and sake, known as Japanese rice wine;

~~42.~~ 43. "Winemaker" means any person who produces wine; and

~~43.~~ 44. "Oklahoma winemaker" means a business premises in Oklahoma licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act wherein wine is produced by the licensee who must be a resident of the state. The wine product fermented in said licensed premises shall be of grapes, berries and other fruits and vegetables imported into this state and processed herein or shall be of grapes, berries and other fruits and vegetables grown in Oklahoma.

Words in the plural include the singular, and vice versa, and words imparting the masculine gender include the feminine, as well as persons and licensees as defined in this section.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 521, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 521), is amended to read as follows:

Section 521. A. A brewer license shall authorize the holder thereof: To manufacture, bottle, package, and store beer on licensed premises; to sell beer in this state to holders of Class B wholesaler licenses and retail licenses and to sell beer out of this state to qualified persons; and to serve free samples of beer produced by the licensee to visitors twenty-one (21) years of age or older. For purposes of this section, no visitor may sample more than a total of twelve (12) fluid ounces of beer per day. The

brewer must restrict the distribution and consumption of beer samples to an area within the licensed premises designated by the brewer. A current floor plan that includes the designated sampling area must be on file with the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission. No visitor under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be permitted to enter this designated sampling area when samples are being distributed or consumed. Samples may only be distributed or consumed between ten a.m. and nine p.m. Samples of beer served by a brewery under this section shall not be considered a "sale" of beer within the meaning of Article XXVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution or Section 506 of this title; however, such samples of beer shall be considered beer removed or withdrawn from the brewery for "use or consumption" within the meaning of Section 542 of this title for excise tax determination and reporting requirements.

B. A distiller license shall authorize the holder thereof: To manufacture, bottle, package, and store spirits on licensed premises; to sell spirits in this state to licensed wholesalers and manufacturers only; to sell spirits out of this state to qualified persons; to purchase from licensed distillers and rectifiers in this state, and import spirits from without this state for manufacturing purposes in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

C. A winemaker license shall authorize the holder thereof: To manufacture (including such mixing, blending and cellar treatment as authorized by federal law), bottle, package, and store on licensed premises wine containing not more than twenty-four percent (24%) alcohol by volume, provided the bottle or package sizes authorized shall be limited to the capacities approved by the United States Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; to sell wine in this state to licensed wholesalers and manufacturers; to sell bottles of wine produced at the winery from grapes and other fruits and berries grown in this state, if available, to consumers on the premises of the winery; to serve visitors on the licensed premises samples of wine produced on the premises; to serve samples of wine produced at the winery at festivals and trade shows; to sell wine produced at the winery, in original sealed containers, at festivals and trade shows; to sell wine out of this state to qualified persons; to purchase from licensed winemakers, distillers and rectifiers in this state, and to import into this state wine, brandy and fruit spirits for use in manufacturing in accordance with federal laws and

regulations; provided, a winemaker either within or without this state that annually produces no more than ten thousand (10,000) gallons of wine may elect to sell and self-distribute the wine produced by such winemaker directly to licensed retail package stores and restaurants in this state; and provided further that:

1. Any such winemaker which elects to directly sell its wine to package stores and restaurants shall not also use a licensed wholesale distributor as a means of distribution, and shall be required to sell its wines to every package store and restaurant licensee who desires to purchase the same, on the same price basis and without discrimination;

2. If a winemaker or winery sells directly to a retail package store or restaurant, the winemaker shall transport the wine from the winemaker's winery to the premises where the wine is to be delivered only in vehicles owned or leased by the winemaker and not by common or private contract carrier and shall obtain all necessary permits as required by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act; and

3. If the production volume limit applicable to winemakers is ruled to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then no winemaker shall be permitted to directly sell its wine to retail package stores or restaurants in this state.

D. A winemaker self-distribution license shall authorize a licensed winemaker within or without this state which is permitted by Section 3 of Article XXVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution and subsection C of this section, to distribute its wine directly to retail package stores and restaurants in this state and that elects to do so, to sell and deliver its wines directly to licensed retail package stores and restaurants in this state in full case lots only, and in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and such rules as the ABLE Commission shall adopt.

E. A rectifier license shall authorize the holder thereof: To rectify spirits and wines, bottle, package, and store same on the licensed premises; to sell spirits and wines in this state to licensed wholesalers and manufacturers only; to sell spirits and wines out of this state to qualified persons; to purchase from licensed manufacturers in this state; and to import into this state

for manufacturing purposes spirits and wines in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

F. 1. A wholesaler license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase and import into this state spirits and wines from persons authorized to sell same who are the holders of a nonresident seller license, and their agents who are the holders of manufacturers agent licenses; to purchase spirits and wines from licensed distillers, rectifiers and winemakers in this state; to purchase spirits and wines from licensed wholesalers, to the extent set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection; to sell in retail containers in this state to retailers, mixed beverage, caterer, special event, public event, hotel beverage or airline/railroad beverage licensees, spirits and wines which have been received and unloaded at the bonded warehouse facilities of the wholesaler before such sale; to sell to licensed wholesalers, to the extent set forth in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection, spirits and wines which have been received and unloaded at the bonded warehouse facilities of the wholesaler before such sale; and to sell spirits and wines out of this state to qualified persons. Provided, however, sales of spirits and wine in containers with a capacity of less than one-twentieth (1/20) gallon by a holder of a wholesaler license shall be in full case lots and in the original unbroken case. Wholesalers shall be authorized to place such signs outside their place of business as are required by Acts of Congress and by such laws and regulations promulgated under such Acts.

2. Wholesalers are prohibited from purchasing annually in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of their total spirits inventory and fifteen percent (15%) of their total wine inventory from one or more wholesalers. Wholesalers are also prohibited from purchasing annually in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of their inventory of any individual brand of spirits or wine from one or more wholesalers. The volume of spirits and wine and of each brand that each wholesaler is permitted to purchase annually from other wholesalers shall be calculated by the ABLE Commission by multiplying fifteen percent (15%) by:

a. the total volume of spirits sales of the wholesaler, by liter, from the previous calendar year, and

b. the total volume of wine sales of the wholesaler, by liter, from the previous calendar year, and

c. the volume of sales of each brand of spirits or wine of the wholesaler, by liter, from the previous calendar year.

A wholesaler who did not post any sales of spirits, wine or of a particular brand in the previous calendar year shall be deemed to have sold the same volume of spirits, wine or of a particular brand as the wholesaler posting the smallest volumes of sales in spirits, wine or of a particular brand for that year for the purposes of this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing, wholesalers shall not purchase any inventory in spirits or wine from any other wholesaler until such time that the purchasing wholesaler possesses an inventory valued at no less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00). Inventory valuation shall be based on the original actual price paid by the purchasing wholesaler to the nonresident seller for the inventory.

3. A wholesaler may sell spirits and wine to other wholesalers or purchase spirits and wines from other wholesalers without complying with paragraph 2 of this subsection in the case of the sale, purchase, or other transfer or acquisition of the entire business of a wholesaler, including the inventory of spirits and wine.

4. A wholesaler license shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a single bonded warehouse with a single central office together with delivery facilities at a location in this state only at the principal place of business for which the wholesaler license was granted.

5. All licensed wholesalers shall register prices, purchase and keep on hand or have on order a fifteen-day supply of all brands constituting the top eighteen brands in total sales by all Oklahoma wholesalers during the past twelve-month period, according to the records of the ABLE Commission as revised by the ABLE Commission quarterly; provided, however, that not more than three brands of any particular nonresident seller shall be included in the top-brands classification. All purchase orders for these top eighteen brands must show an expected due delivery date. These purchase orders may

only be canceled with prior approval of the Director of the ABLE Commission, unless a wholesaler shall have in its warehouse a fifteen-day supply of merchandise on such purchase order.

In order to allow the ABLE Commission to determine the top eighteen brands, wholesalers must submit to the ABLE Commission every sixty (60) days a sworn affidavit listing their top twenty-five brands in sales for the previous sixty (60) days, excluding sales to wholesalers. Such affidavits shall be submitted in conjunction with the original price postings of wholesalers.

A fifteen-day supply of a particular brand for a particular wholesaler shall be based upon the market share of the wholesaler, determined by first multiplying the total number of liters of such brand sold by all wholesalers to all retailers during the previous calendar year by the percentage that the total sales of wine and spirits of the particular wholesaler, in liters, for such calendar year bears to the total sales of wine and spirits, in liters, reported by all wholesalers for such calendar year; and then dividing by twenty-four (24); provided, that a fifteen-day supply for a wholesaler who has not been in business for the entirety of the previous calendar year shall be deemed to be equal to that of the wholesaler who was in business for the entirety of the previous calendar year and who reported the lowest volume of sales of wine and spirits, in liters, of any wholesaler having been in business for such period.

G. A Class B wholesaler license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase and import into this state beer from persons authorized to sell same who are the holders of nonresident seller licenses, and their agents who are the holders of manufacturers agent licenses; to purchase beer from licensed brewers and Class B wholesalers in this state; to sell in retail containers to retailers, mixed beverage, caterer, special event, public event, hotel beverage, and airline/railroad beverage licensees in this state, beer which has been unloaded and stored at the holder's self-owned or leased and self-operated warehouse facilities for a period of at least twenty-four (24) hours before such sale; and to sell beer in this state to Class B wholesalers and out of this state to qualified persons, including federal instrumentalities and voluntary associations of military personnel on federal enclaves in this state over which this state has ceded jurisdiction.

H. A package store license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase alcohol, spirits, beer, and wine in retail containers from the holder of a brewer, wholesaler or Class B wholesaler license and to purchase wine from a winemaker who is permitted and has elected to self-distribute as provided in Section 3 of Article XXVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution and to sell same on the licensed premises in such containers to consumers for off-premises consumption only and not for resale; provided, wine, beer, and spirits may be sold to charitable organizations that are holders of charitable alcoholic beverage auction or charitable ~~wine~~ alcoholic beverage event licenses. All alcoholic beverages that are sold by a package store are to be sold at ordinary room temperature.

I. A mixed beverage license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase alcohol, spirits, beer or wine in retail containers from the holder of a wholesaler or Class B wholesaler license or as specifically provided by law and to sell, offer for sale and possess mixed beverages for on-premises consumption only; provided, the holder of a mixed beverage license issued for an establishment which is also a restaurant may purchase wine directly from a winemaker who is permitted and has elected to self-distribute as provided in Section 3 of Article XXVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Sales and service of mixed beverages by holders of mixed beverage licenses shall be limited to the licensed premises of the licensee unless the holder of the mixed beverage license also obtains a caterer license or a mixed beverage/caterer combination license. A mixed beverage license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. A separate license shall be required for each place of business. No mixed beverage license shall be issued for any place of business functioning as a motion picture theater, as defined by Section 506 of this title. A mixed beverage licensee whose main purpose is hosting live performance art presentations may utilize the services of a licensed caterer for its alcoholic beverage service as long as it is not open to the public more than one hundred twenty (120) days per year.

J. A bottle club license shall authorize the holder thereof: To store, possess and mix alcoholic beverages belonging to members of

the club and to serve such alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to club members. A bottle club license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has not been authorized. A separate license shall be required for each place of business.

K. A caterer license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell mixed beverages for on-premises consumption incidental to the sale or distribution of food at particular functions, occasions, or events which are private and temporary in nature. A caterer license shall not be issued in lieu of a mixed beverage license. A caterer license shall only be issued or utilized in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. A separate license shall be required for each place of business.

A licensed caterer shall be authorized to sell mixed beverages for on-premises consumption incidental to the distribution of food at temporary private functions, at temporary public events that are licensed and approved by the ABLE Commission, and on the premises of a mixed beverage licensee whose main purpose is the hosting of live performing art presentations and is not open to the public more than one hundred twenty (120) days per year.

L. 1. An annual special event license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell and distribute mixed beverages for consumption on the premises for which the license has been issued for up to four events to be held over a period not to exceed one (1) year, not to exceed two such events in any three-month period. For purposes of this paragraph, an event shall not exceed a period of ten (10) consecutive days. An annual special event license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. The holder of an annual special event license shall provide written notice to the ABLE Commission of each special event not less than ten (10) days before the event is held.

2. A quarterly special event license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell and distribute mixed beverages for consumption on the premises for which the license has been issued for up to three events to be held over a period not to exceed three (3) months. For

purposes of this paragraph, an event shall not exceed a period of ten (10) consecutive days. A quarterly special event license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. The holder of a quarterly special event license shall provide written notice to the ABLE Commission of each special event not less than ten (10) days before the event is held.

3. An annual public event license shall authorize the holder thereof: to sell and distribute mixed beverages for consumption on the premises for which the license has been issued for up to six events to be held over a period not to exceed one (1) ~~calendar~~ year. The applicant for an annual public event license, who does not already hold a license issued by the ABLE Commission, shall make application not less than sixty (60) days before its first event. The ABLE Commission shall have the authority to waive the sixty-day requirement at its discretion. For purposes of this paragraph, an event shall not exceed a period of three (3) consecutive days. An annual public event license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. The holder of an annual public event license shall provide written notice to the ABLE Commission of each ~~promoted~~ subsequent public event not less than ten (10) days before the event is held. A public event license shall not be used in lieu of a mixed beverage license. The holder of an annual public event license may choose to utilize the services of a licensed caterer to provide and distribute the alcoholic beverages at their events. When the applicant chooses to utilize the services of a licensed caterer, the applicant shall declare upon application which licensed caterer will be used. The licensed caterer shall be responsible for payment of all applicable mixed beverage taxes through the existing Mixed Beverage Tax Permit issued to his or her business by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

4. A one-time public event license shall authorize the holder thereof: to sell and distribute mixed beverages for consumption on the premises for which the license has been issued. The applicant for a one-time public event license, who does not already hold a license issued by the ABLE Commission, shall make application not less than sixty (60) days before the event. The ABLE Commission shall have the authority to waive the sixty-day requirement at its discretion. For purposes of this paragraph, an event shall not

exceed a period of three (3) consecutive days. A public event license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. ~~The holder of a public event license shall provide written notice to the ABLE Commission of each public event not less than ten (10) days before the event is held.~~ A public event license shall not be used in lieu of a mixed beverage license. The holder of a one-time public event license may choose to utilize the services of a licensed caterer to provide and distribute the alcoholic beverages at his or her event. When the applicant chooses to utilize the services of a licensed caterer, the applicant shall declare upon application which licensed caterer will be used. The licensed caterer shall be responsible for payment of all applicable mixed beverage taxes through the existing Mixed Beverage Tax Permit issued to his or her business by the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

M. A hotel beverage license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell or serve alcoholic beverages in 50 milliliter spirits, 187 milliliter wine, and 12-ounce malt beverage containers which are distributed from a hotel room mini-bar. A hotel beverage license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. A hotel beverage license shall only be issued to a hotel or motel as defined by Section 506 of this title which is also the holder of a mixed beverage license. Provided, that application may be made simultaneously for both such licenses. A separate license shall be required for each place of business.

N. An airline/railroad beverage license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell or serve alcoholic beverages in or from any size container on a commercial passenger airplane or railroad operated in compliance with a valid license, permit or certificate issued under the authority of the United States or this state, even though the airplane or train, in the course of its travel, may cross an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink is not authorized and to store alcoholic beverages in sealed containers of any size at any airport or station regularly served by the licensee, in accordance with rules promulgated by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. Alcoholic beverages purchased by the holder of an airline/railroad license from the holder of a

wholesaler license shall be presumed to be purchased for consumption outside the State of Oklahoma or in interstate commerce, and shall be exempt from the excise tax provided for in Section 553 of this title.

O. An agent license shall authorize the holder thereof: To represent only the holders of licenses within this state, other than retailers, authorized to sell alcoholic beverages to retail dealers in Oklahoma, and to solicit and to take orders for the purchase of alcoholic beverages from retailers including licensees authorized to sell alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption. Such license shall be issued only to agents and employees of the holder of a license under the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, but no such license shall be required of an employee making sales of alcoholic beverages on licensed premises of the employee's principal. No person holding an agent license shall be entitled to a manufacturers agent license.

P. An employee license shall authorize the holder thereof: To work in a package store, mixed beverage establishment, beer and wine establishment, bottle club, public event or any establishment where alcohol or alcoholic beverages are sold, mixed, or served. Persons employed by a mixed beverage licensee, beer and wine licensee, public event licensee or a bottle club who do not participate in the service, mixing, or sale of mixed beverages shall not be required to have an employee license. Provided, however, that a manager employed by a mixed beverage licensee, public event licensee or a bottle club shall be required to have an employee license whether or not the manager participates in the service, mixing or sale of mixed beverages. Applicants for an employee license must have a health card issued by the county in which they are employed, if the county issues such a card. Employees of special event, caterer, unless catering a mixed beverage licensed premises, or airline/railroad beverage licensees shall not be required to obtain an employee license. Persons employed by a hotel licensee who participate in the stocking of hotel room mini-bars or in the handling of alcoholic beverages to be placed in such devices shall be required to have an employee license.

Q. An industrial license may be issued to persons desiring to import, transport, and use alcohol for the following purposes:

1. Manufacture of patent, proprietary, medicinal, pharmaceutical, antiseptic, and toilet preparations;

2. Manufacture of extracts, syrups, condiments, and food products; and

3. For use in scientific, chemical, mechanical, industrial, and medicinal products and purposes.

No other provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall apply to alcohol intended for industrial, medical, mechanical, or scientific use.

Any person receiving alcohol under authority of an industrial license who shall use, permit, or cause same to be used for purposes other than authorized purposes specified above, and all such alcohol, shall be liable to all provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, including payment of tax thereon.

No provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall apply to alcohol withdrawn by any person free of federal tax under a tax-free permit issued by the United States government, if such alcohol is received, stored, and used as authorized by federal laws.

R. A carrier license may be issued to any common carrier operating under a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by any duly authorized federal or state regulatory agency. Such license shall authorize the holder thereof to transport alcoholic beverages other than wine sold directly by a winemaker or winery to a retail package store or restaurant into, within, and out of this state under such terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions as the ABLE Commission may prescribe by order issuing such license and by regulations.

S. A private carrier license may be issued to any carrier other than a common carrier described in subsection Q of this section. Such license shall authorize the holder thereof to transport alcoholic beverages other than wine sold directly by a winemaker or winery to a retail package store or restaurant into, within, or out of this state under such terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions as the ABLE Commission may prescribe by order issuing

such license and by regulations. No carrier license or private carrier license shall be required of licensed brewers, distillers, winemakers, rectifiers, wholesalers, or Class B wholesalers, to transport alcoholic beverages from the place of purchase or acquisition to the licensed premises of such licensees and from such licensed premises to the licensed premises of the purchaser in vehicles owned or leased by such licensee when such transportation is for a lawful purpose and not for hire.

No carrier license or private carrier license shall be required of the holder of a package store, mixed beverage, caterer, special event, hotel beverage, public event or airline/railroad license to pick up alcoholic beverage orders from the licensees' wholesaler or Class B wholesaler from whom they are purchased, and to transport such alcoholic beverages from the place of purchase or acquisition to the licensed premise of such licensees in vehicles owned or under the control of such licensee or a licensed employee of such licensee under such terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions as the ABLE Commission may prescribe.

T. A bonded warehouse license shall authorize the holder thereof: To receive and store alcoholic beverages for the holders of storage licenses on the licensed premises of the bonded warehouse licensee. No goods, wares or merchandise other than alcoholic beverages may be stored in the same bonded warehouse with alcoholic beverages. The holder of a bonded warehouse license shall furnish and file with the ABLE Commission a bond running to all bailers of alcoholic beverages under proper storage licenses and their assignees (including mortgagees or other bona fide lienholders) conditioned upon faithful performance of the terms and conditions of such bailments.

U. A storage license may be issued to a holder of a brewer, distiller, winemaker, rectifier, wholesaler, Class B wholesaler, nonresident seller, package store, mixed beverage, caterer, public event or hotel beverage license, and shall authorize the holder thereof: To store alcoholic beverages in a public warehouse holding a bonded warehouse license, and no goods, wares or merchandise other than alcoholic beverages may be stored in the same warehouse with alcoholic beverages in private warehouses owned or leased and operated by such licensees elsewhere than on their licensed premises. Provided:

1. A storage license issued to a Class B wholesaler shall permit the storage of light beer and permit the sale and delivery to retailers from the premises covered by such license;

2. Any licensee who is the holder of a mixed beverage/caterer combination license or the holder of a mixed beverage license and a hotel beverage license who is issued a storage license shall store all inventories of alcoholic beverages either on the premises of the mixed beverage establishment or in the warehouse;

3. A storage license shall not be required for a special event licensee storing alcoholic beverages for use at a subsequent event;

4. A storage license shall be required for a public event licensee storing alcoholic beverages for use at a subsequent event; and

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection I of this section or any other provision of this title, a licensee who wholly owns more than one licensed mixed beverage establishment may store alcoholic beverages for each of the licensed establishments in one location under one storage license. Alcoholic beverages purchased and stored pursuant to the provisions of a storage license, for one licensed mixed beverage establishment may be transferred by a licensee to another licensed mixed beverage establishment which is wholly owned by the same licensee. Notice of such a transfer shall be given in writing to the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the ABLE Commission within three (3) business days of the transfer. The notice shall clearly show the quantity, brand and size of every transferred bottle or case.

V. A sacramental wine supplier license shall authorize the holder thereof: To sell, ship or deliver sacramental wine to any religious corporation or society of this state holding a valid exemption from taxation issued pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1986, and listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1986, of the United States, as amended.

W. A beer and wine license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase beer and wine in retail containers from the holder of a

wholesaler or Class B wholesaler license or as specifically provided by law and to sell, offer for sale and possess beer and wine for on-premises consumption only; provided, the holder of a beer and wine license issued for an establishment which is also a restaurant may purchase wine from a winemaker who is permitted and has elected to self-distribute as provided in Section 3 of Article XXVIII of the Oklahoma Constitution.

Sales and service of beer and wine by holders of beer and wine licenses shall be limited to the licensed premises of the licensee unless the holder of the beer and wine license also obtains a caterer license. A beer and wine license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. A separate license shall be required for each place of business. No beer and wine license shall be issued for any place of business functioning as a motion picture theater, as defined by Section 506 of this title. No spirits shall be stored, possessed or consumed on the licensed premises of a beer and wine licensee.

X. A charitable auction or charitable alcoholic beverage event license may be issued to a charitable organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), or (19) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. The charitable alcoholic beverage event license shall authorize the holder thereof to conduct a wine, spirit and/or beer event which may consist of one or more of a wine, spirit and/or beer tasting event, a wine, spirit and/or beer dinner event or a wine, spirit and/or beer auction, which may be either a live auction conducted by an auctioneer or a silent auction for which:

1. Bid sheets are accepted from interested bidders at the event;

2. The holders of tickets are allowed to bid online for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days prior to the event; or

3. Both bid sheets are accepted at the event and online bids are accepted pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection.

A charitable alcoholic beverage event shall be conducted solely to raise funds for charitable purposes. A charitable alcoholic

beverage license will allow the event attendees access to tastings, samples, dinners, and alcoholic beverages as parts of their entrance fee or ticket price. Wine, spirits and/or beer used in, served, or consumed at a charitable alcoholic beverage event may be purchased by the charitable organization or donated by any person or entity. The charitable alcoholic beverage event license shall be issued for a period not exceeding four (4) days. Only eight such licenses may be issued to an organization in any twelve-month period. The charitable organization holding a charitable alcoholic beverage event license shall not be required to obtain a special event license. Charitable auction and charitable alcoholic beverage event license holders may also utilize a licensed caterer to provide additional alcohol services at the event and on the premises. The charitable auction license shall authorize the holder thereof to auction wine, spirits, and/or beer purchased from a retail package store or received as a gift from an individual if the auction is conducted to raise funds for charitable purposes. The charitable auction license shall be issued for a period not to exceed two (2) days. Only four such licenses shall be issued to an organization in any twelve-month period. The maximum amount of wine, spirits, and/or beer auctioned pursuant to the charitable auction license shall not exceed fifty (50) gallons. All ~~wines~~ wine, beer, and spirits auctioned pursuant to the charitable auction license shall be registered and all fees and taxes shall be paid in accordance with the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act.

Y. A mixed beverage/caterer combination license shall authorize the holder thereof: To purchase or sell mixed beverages as specifically provided by law for the holder of a mixed beverage license or a caterer license. All provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act applicable to mixed beverage licenses or caterer licenses, or the holders thereof, shall also be applicable to mixed beverage/caterer combination licenses or the holders thereof, except where specifically otherwise provided. A mixed beverage/caterer combination license shall only be issued in counties of this state where the sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption has been authorized. A separate license shall be required for each place of business.

A licensed mixed beverage/caterer licensee shall be authorized to sell mixed beverages for on-premises consumption incidental to the distribution of food at temporary private functions, at

temporary public events that are licensed and approved by the ABLE Commission, and on the premises of a mixed beverage licensee whose main purpose is the hosting of live art presentations and is not open to the public more than one hundred twenty (120) days per year.

Z. In the event any portion of this section is declared invalid for any reason, the invalid portion shall be severed and the rest and remainder of the section shall be saved and given full force and application.

AA. Except as provided in Sections 554.1 and 554.2 of this title with respect to cities, towns and counties, and except as may be provided under Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes with respect to the Oklahoma Tax Commission, no license or permit other than licenses as provided under the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall be required of any licensee by any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of this state to engage in any activity covered by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act anywhere within the State of Oklahoma and no agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of this state shall interfere with the ABLE Commission's regulation of, or a wholesaler's performance of, the sale, distribution, possession, handling or marketing of alcoholic beverages on any premises of any licensee as defined in Section 506 of this title.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 523, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 523), is amended to read as follows:

Section 523. A. No license provided for in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall be issued except pursuant to an application filed with the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. The ABLE Commission may, however, provide for a form of simplified application for renewal of license. Payment of the prescribed fee shall accompany each application for a license.

B. Every applicant for an original license, except applicants for an employee, charitable event, special event or airline/railroad beverage license, shall also furnish the following:

1. A tax receipt proving payment of ad valorem taxes, including real and personal taxes, or furnish to the ABLE Commission satisfactory evidence that no taxes are due or delinquent;

2. A certificate of zoning issued by the municipality in which the applicant proposes to locate the applicant's principal place of business under the license, or by the county if the principal place of business is located outside the incorporated limits of a municipality, certifying that the applicant's proposed location and use thereof comply with all municipal zoning ordinances or county zoning regulations if applicable;

3. A certificate issued by the municipality in which the applicant proposes to locate the applicant's principal place of business under the license, or by the county if the principal place of business is located outside the incorporated limits of a municipality, certifying that the applicant's existing or proposed operations under the license comply with all municipal or county fire codes, safety codes, or health codes, if applicable;

4. Authorization, on forms furnished by the ABLE Commission, for complete investigation of the applicant's current financial status as it relates to the application for a license, including but not limited to access to bank accounts, loan agreements, and financial statements;

5. A deed, management agreement, purchasing agreement, or lease; and

6. Proof of liability insurance covering both bodily injury and property damage.

C. The certificates required by paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section shall be signed by the mayor of the municipality or the chair of the board of county commissioners issuing same, unless the municipality, by ordinance, or the county designates some other officer or entity to issue the certificates. Applications for such certificates shall be in writing and shall contain information in such detail as the municipality or county may reasonably require describing the location and nature of operations to be conducted under the ABLE license. Municipalities and counties

shall be required to act on all applications for such certificates within twenty (20) days of receipt of the written application.

D. Municipalities and counties may grant conditional certificates for premises proposed for licensed operations for which construction, modification, or alteration is not completed. Conditional certificates shall indicate that the proposed premises will comply with the municipal or county zoning, fire, safety, and health codes. The granting of conditional certificates shall not relieve the applicant of the duty of obtaining the certificates required by paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section after completion of the construction, modification, or alteration.

E. A municipality or county shall issue the certificates required by paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section within ten (10) days after all final inspections are completed.

Thereafter if a licensee fails to maintain compliance with municipal or county zoning ordinances and codes, the mayor or chair of the board of county commissioners or their designee, shall forthwith notify the ABLE Commission in writing setting forth details of the noncompliance.

F. Upon issuance of any license, the ABLE Commission shall furnish the Oklahoma Tax Commission with a list of such licenses.

G. In the event of denial of an application for a license, the ABLE Commission shall refund to the applicant the amount of the tendered fee, less ten percent (10%), which it shall retain as cost of processing the application.

H. Any licensee, except an employee licensee, who fails to renew the license prior to the expiration date of the license shall be subject to a late renewal penalty as provided by ABLE Commission rules and regulations. Further, any licensee, except an employee licensee, who fails to renew the license within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the license shall be required to submit a new license application. An employee licensee who fails to renew prior to the expiration of the license shall be required to submit a new license application; provided, however, that under no circumstances shall any licensee, including an employee licensee, whose license to

serve or sell alcoholic beverages has expired, continue to serve or sell alcoholic beverages.

I. The requirements in this section shall be required for a public event license applicant, except for those certificates required by paragraphs 2 and 3 of subsection B of this section as the events are temporary in nature and the locations are not permanently licensed.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 523.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 523.1. A. Any corporation applying for a mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, public event or bottle club license shall submit to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission the following:

1. A certificate of good standing from the office of the Secretary of State;

2. A list of all corporate officers, directors, executive committee members or members of a similar governing body and their addresses, except for a charitable organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(C)(3),(4),(5),(6),(7),(8),(9),(10), or (19) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, which shall only be required to furnish its corporate officers; and

3. A list of all stockholders owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock and their addresses.

B. A corporate licensee shall notify the ABLE Commission in writing of any change in the officers or directors of said corporation or in the principal managers of premises licensed to said corporation and shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each notification of change. Provided, service organizations which are exempt under Section 501(c)(8), (10), or (14) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be exempt from said fee.

C. A corporate licensee shall notify the ABLE Commission any time a person, any type of partnership, limited liability company, or other entity acquires fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock of said corporation. Such notification shall be within thirty (30)

days of acquisition and the corporation shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each notification of change.

D. The ABLE Commission may disapprove a change of officers, directors or principal managers or the acquisition of more than fifteen percent (15%) of the stock in a licensed corporation if the ABLE Commission feels that such change would materially affect the conditions under which the license was issued, such that the license would not have been issued had such change been in existence at the time of the original application. If such disapproval occurs, the ABLE Commission shall notify the licensee in writing and in the case of a publicly traded corporation, allow a reasonable time for the licensee to remove such officer, director or manager or for the stockholder to divest himself or herself of any stock held in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of the stock. Provided that a reasonable time may not exceed a ninety-day period following notification of denial by the ABLE Commission. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection may result in revocation or suspension of such license.

E. Any person who was an officer or director or who has owned fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock in a corporation which has been denied a license or had a license revoked or suspended pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall not own stock in any other corporation seeking a license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for a period of twelve (12) months from the date said license was revoked or suspended.

F. Any person who was a manager or a member of a limited liability company which has been denied a license or had a license revoked or suspended pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall not own stock in any corporation seeking a license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for a period of twelve (12) months from the date said license was revoked or suspended.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 523.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 523.2. A. Any limited liability company, formed as provided for in the Limited Liability Company Act, may apply for a

beer and wine, bottle club, caterer, public event or mixed beverage license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act. Any limited liability company applying for a license shall submit to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the following:

1. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Office of the Secretary of State;

2. The Articles of Organization with all amendments and corrections filed with the Office of the Secretary of State with proof that same has been filed in accordance with the Limited Liability Company Act;

3. The name and address of the resident agent;

4. The name and address of the manager;

5. The operating agreement;

6. A current list of the full name, social security number, and address of each member; and

7. A copy of the issued Certificate of Membership Interest for each member.

B. A limited liability company licensee shall notify the ABLE Commission in writing of any change in the manager of the licensed company within thirty (30) days of said change and shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each notification of change.

C. A limited liability company shall notify the ABLE Commission in writing any time a membership is assigned or members are added or disassociated within thirty (30) days of said change. The limited liability company shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for each notification of change.

D. The ABLE Commission may disapprove a change of manager or new membership in a licensed liability company if the ABLE Commission feels that such change would materially affect any conditions under which the license was issued, such that the license would not have been issued had such change been in existence at the

time of the original application. If such disapproval occurs, the ABLE Commission shall notify the licensee in writing and allow a reasonable time for the licensee to remove such manager or for a member to be disassociated from the company. Provided that a reasonable time not exceed a ninety-day period following notification of denial by the ABLE Commission. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection may result in revocation or suspension of such license.

E. Any person who has been a licensee, a partner in a license, an officer, director or fifteen percent (15%) or more stockholder of a corporation holding a license revoked or suspended, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, shall not serve as a manager or be a member in a limited liability company seeking a license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for a period of twelve (12) months from the date said license was revoked or suspended.

F. Any person who has been a manager, member or participant in any business entity which was a manager or member of a limited liability company which has been denied a license or has a license revoked or suspended, pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act shall not serve as a manager or member in a limited liability company seeking a license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for a period of twelve (12) months from date said license was revoked or suspended.

G. Any person who has been convicted of a felony for which a pardon has not been granted shall not be elected as a manager or be a member of a limited liability company.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 527.1, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 527.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 527.1 A. The Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall refuse to issue a mixed beverage, beer and wine, bottle club, public event or caterer license, either on an original application or a renewal application, if it has reasonable grounds to believe and finds any of the following to be true:

1. That the applicant, in the case of a natural person, is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

2. That the applicant, in the case of a corporation, has a stockholder who owns fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock, officer, or director who is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

3. That the applicant, in the case of any type of partnership, has any partner who is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

4. That the applicant, in the case of a limited liability company, has a manager or member who is under twenty-one (21) years of age;

5. That the applicant or any type of partner has been convicted of a felony within fifteen (15) years prior to the application date;

6. That the applicant, in the case of a corporation, has a stockholder owning fifteen percent (15%) of the stock, an officer or a director who has been convicted of a felony within fifteen (15) years prior to the application date;

7. That the applicant, in the case of a limited liability company, has a manager or a member who has been convicted of a felony within fifteen (15) years prior to the application date, and such manager or member has an ownership interest greater than fifty percent (50%);

8. That the applicant has made false statements to the ABLE Commission;

9. That the applicant is not the legitimate owner of the business for which a license is sought or that other persons have undisclosed ownership interests in the business;

10. That the applicant or any partner, within twelve (12) months after being issued a license, either on an original application or a renewal application, has violated any provision of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act or regulation of the ABLE Commission issued pursuant hereto. Provided, however, that if the ABLE Commission, during said twelve-month period, has suspended any license sought to be renewed, such renewal application may be approved if the term of the suspension has been completed and the

applicant has complied with any special conditions imposed in connection with the suspension;

11. That the applicant is not the real party in interest, or intends to carry on the business authorized by the license as the agent of another;

12. That the applicant is a person who appoints or is a law enforcement official or is an employee of the ABLE Commission or of the Director; or

13. That the applicant does not own or have a written lease for the premises for which a license is sought.

B. 1. The Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission may refuse to issue a mixed beverage, beer and wine, bottle club, public event or caterer license, either on an original application or a renewal application, if it has reasonable grounds to believe and finds any of the following to be true:

a. that the applicant or any type of partner has been convicted of a felony described in paragraph 2 of this subsection,

b. that the applicant, in the case of a corporation, has a stockholder owning fifteen percent (15%) of the stock, an officer or a director who has been convicted of a felony described in paragraph 2 of this subsection, and

c. that the applicant, in the case of a limited liability company, has a manager or a member who has been convicted of a felony within twenty-five (25) years prior to the application date, who has been convicted of a felony described in paragraph 2 of this subsection.

2. a. an alcohol-related offense,

b. a violent crime as defined in Section 142A-1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

c. a crime which would subject a person to registration pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 535, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 535), is amended to read as follows:

Section 535. It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer, wholesaler, Class B wholesaler, or person authorized to sell alcoholic beverages to a wholesaler, or any employee, officer, director, stockholder owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of the stock, any type of partner, manager, member or agent thereof, to directly or indirectly:

1. Have any financial interest in any premises upon which any alcoholic beverage or light beer is sold at retail or in any business connected with the retailing of alcoholic beverages or light beer as defined in Section 506 of this title;

2. Lend any money or other thing of value, or to make any gift or offer any gratuity, to any package store, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer;

3. Guarantee any loan or the repayment of any financial obligation of any retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine, public event or bottle club licensee or caterer;

4. Require any wholesaler, Class B wholesaler, retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer to purchase and dispose of any quota of alcoholic beverages, or to require any retailer to purchase any kind, type, size container, or brand of alcoholic beverages in order to obtain any other kind, type, size container, or brand of alcoholic beverages;

5. Sell to any retailer, mixed beverage, beer and wine licensee, public event or caterer any alcoholic beverage on consignment, or upon condition, or with the privilege of return, or on any condition other than a bona fide sale; provided, the delivery in good faith, through mistake, inadvertence, or oversight, of an alcoholic beverage that was not ordered by a retailer, mixed beverage licensee, beer and wine licensee, caterer, public event or special event licensee to such licensee shall not be considered a

violation of this paragraph, as long as action is taken to correct the error and all invoices and records of the transaction are corrected. There shall be no time period imposed by the ABLE Commission for notification of or correction of the error; or

6. Extend credit to any retailer, other than holders of Federal Liquor Stamps on United States government reservations and installations, mixed beverage, public event or beer and wine licensee or caterer other than a state lodge located in a county which has approved the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises consumption. The acceptance of a postdated check or draft or the failure to deposit for collection a current check or draft by the second banking day after receipt shall be deemed an extension of credit. Violation of this section shall be grounds for suspension of the license.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 537.1, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 537.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 537.1. No mixed beverage, beer and wine, bottle club, caterer, charitable event, public event or special event licensee or any employee, manager, operator or agent thereof shall:

1. Consume or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages during the hours he or she is on duty. For the purposes of this section, licensees will be deemed to be on duty from the time ~~he~~ the licensee first comes on duty until the time ~~he~~ the licensee goes off duty at the end of the shift, including any break periods permitted by management. This paragraph shall not apply to any person who works on the premises as an entertainer only;

2. Permit or tolerate any conduct or language which is intended to threaten another with physical harm or any fighting or offensive physical contact, in or upon the licensed premises or areas just outside the licensed premises which are controlled by the licensee;

3. Permit empty or discarded alcoholic beverage containers to be in public view outside the licensed premises. All empty or discarded containers shall be disposed of in accordance with ABLE Commission rules and regulations;

4. Permit any illegal gambling activity, violations of the state narcotic and dangerous drug laws, or prostitution activity or any other criminal conduct to occur on the licensed premises;

5. Refuse or fail to promptly open a door to the licensed premises upon request of an agent or inspector of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission or any other peace officer to enter the premises, when the licensee or employee knows or should know that such request is made by an agent or inspector of the ABLE Commission or any other peace officer. This provision shall not be construed to deny agents of the ABLE Commission or any other peace officer access at any time to any licensed premises;

6. Permit a sealed or unsealed container of alcoholic beverage to be removed from the licensed premises. Provided that restaurants, hotels, and motels may permit the removal of closed original wine containers the contents of which have been partially consumed and bottle clubs may permit the removal by a club member of closed original containers of alcoholic beverages belonging to said members. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit or restrict:

a. hotels or motels who are holders of mixed beverage or beer and wine licenses from allowing alcoholic beverages to be served away from the bar area anywhere on the licensed premises, or

b. licensees, who are lawfully operating at an event held in a facility owned or operated by any agency, political subdivision or public trust of this state, from allowing persons to transport alcoholic beverages from one licensed premises to another within the same building, provided that the building or a part thereof is defined as a common drinking area for consumption of alcohol by resolution of the governing body of the agency, political subdivision or public trust of this state; or

7. Destroy, damage, alter, remove or conceal potential evidence, or attempt to do so, or refuse to surrender evidence when lawfully requested to do so by an inspector, agent or any other peace officer or incite another person to do any of the above.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 554, is amended to read as follows:

Section 554. A. The excise tax levied by Section 553 of this title shall not apply to:

1. Alcohol used exclusively for industrial purposes by the holder of an industrial license;

2. Alcohol lawfully withdrawn and used free of tax under a tax-free permit issued by the United States government;

3. Alcoholic beverages used exclusively by licensed physicians and dentists in the bona fide practice of their professions or by licensed pharmacists in compounding prescriptions;

4. Beer, cider and wine made for personal use pursuant to a personal use permit issued as provided in Section 505 of this title;

5. Wine used exclusively for sacramental purposes in bona fide religious ceremonies; ~~and~~

6. Alcoholic beverages, not exceeding one (1) liter, imported into this state by the possessor for his or her own personal use;

7. Alcoholic beverages provided to attendees, free of charge, at charitable events licensed and approved by the ABLE Commission; and

8. Mixed beverage and public event licensees which utilize the services of a licensed caterer.

B. As a condition precedent to the allowance of any exemption authorized by subsection A of this section:

1. Where a license or permit is required by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, for such use, the person claiming any such exemption must have obtained from the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission the license or permit authorizing such exempt use; and

2. There must be furnished such proof of the exclusive use for such exempt purposes as the Oklahoma Tax Commission may require.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 577, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 577), is amended to read as follows:

Section 577. A. Every holder of a mixed beverage, if not catered, beer and wine, caterer, hotel beverage, public event, if not catered, or special event license, issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, shall obtain a mixed beverage tax permit from the Oklahoma Tax Commission prior to engaging~~,~~ within this state~~,~~ in the sale, preparation or service of mixed beverages, ice~~,~~ or nonalcoholic beverages that are sold, prepared or served to be mixed with alcoholic beverages. Each licensee shall file a verified application for a mixed beverage tax permit with the Tax Commission, setting forth information as may be required by the Tax Commission.

The Tax Commission, or its designated agent, shall issue, without any fees or charges therefor, a mixed beverage tax permit in the name of the licensee for the place of business set forth in the application upon verification that:

1. The applicant is a holder of a mixed beverage, if not catered, beer and wine, caterer, hotel beverage, public event, if not catered, or special event license issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;

2. The applicant has posted a surety bond or other negotiable collateral to protect the proper payment of the gross receipts taxes;

3. The applicant is a holder of a sales tax permit for the place of business set forth in the application; and

4. The applicant is not delinquent in the payment of any gross receipts taxes or sales taxes.

A mixed beverage tax permit shall expire three (3) years after issuance; provided, if the holder thereof is also the holder of a sales tax permit, a mixed beverage tax permit shall be valid for

three (3) years or until expiration of the sales tax permit, whichever is earlier, after which a renewal permit shall be valid for three (3) years.

B. A separate mixed beverage tax permit for each place of business to be operated must be obtained and no charge therefor shall be made by the Tax Commission. The Tax Commission shall grant and issue to each applicant a separate permit for each place of business in this state, upon proper application therefor and verification thereof by the Tax Commission.

C. A mixed beverage tax permit is not assignable and shall be valid only for the person in whose name it is issued and for the transaction of business at the place designated in the permit.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in a business subject to the provisions of this section prior to the issuance of a mixed beverage tax permit. Any person who engages in a business subject to the provisions of this section without a mixed beverage tax permit or permits, or after a permit has been suspended, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) or incarcerated for not more than sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

E. Any person operating under a mixed beverage tax permit as provided in this section shall, upon discontinuance of business by sale or otherwise, return such permit to the Tax Commission for cancellation, together with payment of any unpaid or accrued taxes. Failure to surrender a mixed beverage tax permit and pay any and all accrued taxes will be sufficient cause for the Tax Commission to refuse to issue a mixed beverage tax permit subsequently to such person to engage in or transact any business in this state subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection H of Section 1364 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Tax Commission shall not deny a purchaser of a business subject to the provisions of this section a mixed beverage or sales tax permit because of outstanding tax liabilities of the seller, provided the seller pays to the Tax Commission the estimated sales tax owed by the seller. Provided, further, upon completion of an audit by the Tax Commission and determination of actual sales tax owed, the difference between the estimated sales tax paid and the

actual sales tax owed shall be paid by the seller to the Tax Commission if taxes were underpaid or returned to the seller by the Tax Commission if taxes were overpaid.

F. Whenever a holder of a mixed beverage tax permit fails to comply with any provisions of any state alcoholic beverage laws or tax laws, the Tax Commission, after giving ten (10) days' notice in writing of the time and place of hearing to show cause why this permit should not be revoked, may revoke or suspend the permit. A mixed beverage tax permit shall be renewed upon removal of cause or causes of revocation or suspension. Mixed beverage tax permits are conditioned upon the proper and timely payment of all taxes due and in the event a holder of a mixed beverage tax permit becomes delinquent in reporting or paying any tax due under the provisions of state tax law, any duly authorized agent of the Tax Commission may cancel the permit and it shall be renewed only upon the filing of proper reports and payment of all taxes due and application for renewal in accordance with subsection A of this section.

G. Upon revocation or suspension of the mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, hotel beverage, public event or special event license by the ABLE Commission, the Tax Commission, or its duly authorized agent, shall temporarily suspend the mixed beverage tax permit issued to the licensee in accordance with Section 212 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 591, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 591), is amended to read as follows:

Section 591. A. No alcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed, served or consumed on the premises of a mixed beverage, caterer, public event, <u>charitable event,</u> special event or beer and wine licensee between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

B. Counties that elect to authorize sales of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink may designate any or all of the following days as days or portions thereof on which the sales of alcoholic beverages are not authorized:

1. On the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday; and

2. On Decoration or Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

C. Counties that elect to authorize sales of alcoholic beverages by the individual drink shall not prohibit such sales on the day of any national, state, county or city election, including primary elections, provided that the election day does not occur on any day on which such sales may otherwise be prohibited by any other law.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 594, is amended to read as follows:

Section 594. A. 1. A caterer license may be issued to any person for the purpose of sale, delivery or distribution of alcoholic beverages incidental to the sale or distribution of food on a premises not licensed by the ABLE Commission. For purposes of this section, "incidental to the sale or distribution of food" means food sales constituting at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the caterer's total combined annual sales. A caterer license shall not be issued to a person whose main purpose is the sale of alcoholic beverages or low-point beer.

2. A caterer license may only be issued to those persons that prepare, sell, and distribute food for consumption either on a licensed or unlicensed premises. In order to renew a caterer license, annual food sales must constitute at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the caterer's total combined sales based on the most recent calendar year. A caterer shall not be required to prepare, sell, and distribute food at every catered event as long as the caterer satisfies the requirement set forth in this section.

3. Each caterer shall submit an annual sales report containing revenue attributable to alcoholic beverages, food, low-point beer, and all other revenues attributable to the catering service. For purposes of this section, low-point beer shall be counted separately, and it shall not be counted either as food or an alcoholic beverage. The annual sales report must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the caterer license on forms prescribed by the ABLE Commission. The caterer license may not be renewed if the caterer fails to provide complete or sufficient financial data.

4. Each caterer shall submit a monthly event report containing information on all events scheduled for the subsequent month. If an event is scheduled after the first day of the month for an event to occur in the same month, then the caterer shall report that event within twenty-four (24) hours of scheduling the event or within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the event, whichever occurs first. The monthly event report shall be submitted on the first day of each month.

5. All reports shall be submitted electronically on forms prescribed by the ABLE Commission. Provided, if the caterer does not have access to the Internet, then monthly reports must be submitted by facsimile to the ABLE Commission's office in Oklahoma City, in which case the caterer must retain a copy of the facsimile confirmation sheet for at least twelve (12) months.

6. Any caterer who fails to submit a monthly report shall have the caterer license automatically suspended until such time that the caterer has fully complied with all reporting requirements. Any caterer whose annual food sales do not exceed thirty-five percent (35%) of his or her total annual combined sales shall not have the caterer's license renewed.

B. The ABLE Commission shall adopt rules governing the application for and the issuance of caterer licenses.

C. The restrictions and regulations which apply to the sale of mixed beverages on the premises of a mixed beverage licensee also apply to the sale under the authority of a caterer license. Any act which if done on the premises of a mixed beverage licensee would be a ground for revocation or suspension of the mixed beverage license is a ground for revocation or suspension of a caterer license.

D. If the premises, where the event being catered is held, are already operating pursuant to another type of license issued by the ABLE Commission, the caterer and other said licensee shall both be responsible for the actions of the caterer and shall both be subject to penalties for violations, by the caterer, of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and any rules promulgated thereto.

E. A caterer licensee may not store alcoholic beverages unless said licensee has a storage license issued by the ABLE Commission.

F. A caterer may provide alcoholic beverage sales on the premises of a person currently applying for a mixed beverage license, provided the following terms have been satisfied:

1. The caterer shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the mixed beverage applicant uses only licensed employees to perform licensable activities while using the caterer's license. The caterer shall use his or her best efforts to attempt to have a licensed employee on-site supervising the sale of such caterer's alcoholic beverages at all times, but the caterer shall not be disciplined for failing to have a licensed employee on-site. The caterer expressly acknowledges that he or she is liable for all violations of ABLE Commission statutes and rules that are committed by the mixed beverage applicant and its employees during this period;

2. The caterer and mixed beverage applicant must submit to the ABLE Commission a written agreement setting forth all the terms of the catering agreement at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the catered event; and

3. The caterer may not provide alcoholic beverage sales on the unlicensed premises of the mixed beverage applicant for more than sixty (60) days, or after the applicant's license has been denied, whichever occurs first.

G. A caterer may provide alcoholic beverage services for temporary public events which have been licensed and approved by the ABLE Commission.

H. A caterer may provide alcoholic beverage services for a mixed beverage licensee which holds a live performing arts presentation and is open to the public not more than one hundred twenty (120) days per year.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 37 O.S. 2011, Section 596, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 298, O.S.L. 2014 (37 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section 596), is amended to read as follows:

Section 596. Each bottle club or mixed beverage, beer and wine, caterer, public event, charitable event or special event licensee shall be held responsible for violation of any alcoholic beverage law or administrative rule of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission affecting his or her license privileges and for any act or omission of his or her servant, agent, employee or representative in violation of any law, municipal ordinance or administrative rule affecting his or her license privileges.

SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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