

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 658

By: Jolley of the Senate
and
Peters of the House

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7 An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; creating a
8 joint task force to analyze, study and identify
9 amendments and modifications to certain laws for
10 certain purpose; stating membership and appointing
11 authorities; providing for chair and vice-chair,
12 voting, vacancy, and quorum; designating staff
13 assistance and duty; requiring certain document or
14 report within certain time and conditions; allowing
15 creation of committees and subcommittees; providing
16 for committee or subcommittee chair; allowing
17 addition of other persons for certain purpose;
18 clarifying purpose of added persons; allowing travel
19 reimbursement; setting termination date; and
20 providing for noncodification.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a joint legislative task force to
analyze, study and identify amendments and modifications to the laws
of this state that would require legislative modifications or a vote
of the citizens of this state if low-point and high-point beer and
wine were offered for sale in grocery stores throughout this state.
The task force shall be composed of twenty (20) members as follows:

1 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

2 a. three currently serving Senators of whom two shall be
3 republicans and one shall be a democrat,

4 b. one member who shall represent a City Chamber of
5 Commerce or a business organization,

6 c. one member who shall be an owner of a retail package
7 store currently licensed to sell alcoholic beverages
8 at retail in this state,

9 d. one member who shall be a wholesaler of liquor, wine
10 and spirits,

11 e. one member who shall be a citizen at large residing in
12 this state,

13 f. one member who shall be a Class B wholesaler of high-
14 point beer, and

15 g. one member who shall be a non-resident seller of
16 liquor, wine and spirits;

17 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

18 a. three currently serving Representatives of whom two
19 shall be republicans and one shall be a democrat,

20 b. one member who shall represent a convenience store,

21 c. one member who shall be an owner of a winery in this
22 state who is currently licensed to produce wine in
23 this state,

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- 1 d. one member who shall be an owner of a retail grocery
- 2 store who currently operates in this state,
- 3 e. one member shall be a citizen at large residing in
- 4 this state,
- 5 f. one member who shall represent a beer distributor or
- 6 franchise who operates in this state,
- 7 g. one member who shall be a national manufacturer of
- 8 both low-point and high-point beer;

9 3. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Enforcement Laws
10 Commission, or a designee; and

11 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and
12 Substance Abuse Services, or a designee.

13 B. The chair of the task force shall be selected by the
14 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the vice-chair shall be
15 selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each of
16 the task force members shall have one vote. Any vacancy in
17 membership shall be filled by the appointing authority. Seven (7)
18 members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting
19 business.

20 C. The study shall be assisted by and jointly staffed by Senate
21 and House personnel who shall prepare and draft a comprehensive
22 document ready for presentation under the legislative bill drafting
23 rules and deadlines for Introduced bills in the 2nd Session of the
24 53rd Oklahoma Legislature. The comprehensive document shall require

1 a majority vote of the appointed task force members for approval.
2 In the event there is no comprehensive document approved by the task
3 force, the chair and vice-chair shall, in writing, briefly report
4 the reasons why the task force membership could not complete the
5 study or reach an agreement for a comprehensive document. The chair
6 and vice-chair may report jointly or separately and the reports
7 shall be presented to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and
8 the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than February
9 1, 2012.

10 D. The chair and vice-chair may agree to create committees or
11 subcommittees as deemed appropriate to expedite and complete the
12 analysis and study, and to write the comprehensive document in a
13 timely manner. Any committee or subcommittee created shall be
14 chaired by a task force member to be selected jointly by the chair
15 and vice chair. A selected committee or subcommittee chair may
16 choose to add other persons as participants on his or her committee
17 or subcommittee with consent of the chair and vice-chair; provided,
18 added persons shall not become official task force members nor vote
19 on any proposal except pertaining to their assigned committee or
20 subcommittee work or proposals.

21 E. Task force members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
22 the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives may
23 receive travel reimbursements if approved by their respective
24 appointing authority.

1 F. The task force shall conclude its study and terminate not
2 later than February 1, 2012.

3 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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7 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

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