SENATE CHAMBER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend Senate Bill No. SB1725, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Coleman

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1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)
3	FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FOR
4	SENATE BILL NO. SB1725 By: Coleman
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7	FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
8	[alcoholic beverages - business interests and acts prohibited for manufacturers - effective date]
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11	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
12	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 366, O.S.L.
13	2016, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 322, O.S.L. 2019 (37A
14	O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 1-103), is amended to read as follows:
15	Section 1-103. As used in the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage
16	Control Act:
17	1. "ABLE Commission" or "Commission" means the Alcoholic
18	Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission;
19	2. "Alcohol" means and includes hydrated oxide of ethyl, ethyl
20	alcohol, ethanol or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by
21	whatever process produced. It does not include wood alcohol or
22	alcohol which has been denatured or produced as denatured in
23	accordance with Acts of Congress and regulations promulgated
24	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;
 4. "Applicant" means any individual, legal or commercial

6 business entity, or any individual involved in any legal or 7 commercial business entity allowed to hold any license issued in 8 accordance with the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;

9 5. "Beer" means any beverage of alcohol by volume and obtained 10 by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, 11 or other grain, malt or similar products. "Beer" may or may not 12 contain hops or other vegetable products. "Beer" includes, among 13 other things, beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and other malt or 14 brewed liquors, but does not include sake, known as Japanese rice 15 wine;

16 6. "Beer keg" means any brewer-sealed, single container that17 contains not less than four (4) gallons of beer;

18 7. "Beer distributor" means and includes any person licensed to 19 distribute beer for retail sale in the state, but does not include a 20 holder of a small brewer self-distribution license or brewpub self-21 distribution license. The term "distributor", as used in the 22 Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, shall be construed to refer 23 to a beer distributor;

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8. "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;

9. "Brand" means any word, name, group of letters, symbol or
combination thereof, that is adopted and used by a licensed brewer
to identify a specific beer and to distinguish that product from
another beer;

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10. "Brand extension" means:

- a. after October 1, 2018, any brand of beer or cider
 introduced by a manufacturer in this state which
 either:
- 14 (1) incorporates all or a substantial part of the
 15 unique features of a preexisting brand of the
 16 same licensed brewer, or
- 17 (2) relies to a significant extent on the goodwill
 18 associated with the preexisting brand, or
- b. any brand of beer that a brewer, the majority of whose
 total volume of all brands of beer distributed in this
 state by such brewer on January 1, 2016, was
 distributed as low-point beer, desires to sell,
 introduces, begins selling or theretofore has sold and

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- desires to continue selling a strong beer in this state which either:
- (1) incorporates or incorporated all or a substantial part of the unique features of a preexisting low-point beer brand of the same licensed brewer, or
 (2) relies or relied to a significant extent on the goodwill associated with a preexisting low-point
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beer brand;

9 11. "Brewer" means and includes any person who manufactures for 10 human consumption by the use of raw materials or other ingredients 11 any beer or cider upon which a license fee and a tax are imposed by 12 any law of this state;

13 12. "Brewpub" means a licensed establishment operated on the 14 premises of, or on premises located contiguous to, a small brewer, 15 that prepares and serves food and beverages, including alcoholic 16 beverages, for on-premises consumption;

17 13. "Cider" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the 18 alcoholic fermentation of fruit juice, including but not limited to 19 flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider. For the purposes of the 20 manufacture of this product, cider may be manufactured by either 21 manufacturers or brewers. For the purposes of the distribution of 22 this product, cider may be distributed by either wine and spirits 23 wholesalers or beer distributors;

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14. "Convenience store" means any person primarily engaged in
 retailing a limited range of general household items and groceries,
 with extended hours of operation, whether or not engaged in retail
 sales of automotive fuels in combination with such sales;

5 15. "Convicted" and "conviction" mean and include a finding of 6 guilt resulting from a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, the 7 decision of a court or magistrate or the verdict of a jury, 8 irrespective of the pronouncement of judgment or the suspension 9 thereof;

10 16. "Designated products" means the brands of wine or spirits 11 offered for sale by a manufacturer that the manufacturer has 12 assigned to a designated wholesaler for exclusive distribution;

13 17. "Designated wholesaler" means a wine and spirits wholesaler 14 who has been selected by a manufacturer as a wholesaler appointed to 15 distribute designated products;

"Director" means the Director of the ABLE Commission; 16 18. 19. "Distiller" means any person who produces spirits from any 17 source or substance, or any person who brews or makes mash, wort or 18 wash, fit for distillation or for the production of spirits (except 19 a person making or using such material in the authorized production 20 of wine or beer, or the production of vinegar by fermentation), or 21 any person who by any process separates alcoholic spirits from any 22 fermented substance, or any person who, making or keeping mash, wort 23 or wash, has also in his or her possession or use a still; 24

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1 20. "Distributor agreement" means the written agreement between 2 the distributor and brewer as set forth in Section 3-108 of this 3 title;

4 21. "Drug store" means a person primarily engaged in retailing
5 prescription and nonprescription drugs and medicines;

22. "Dual-strength beer" means a brand of beer that,
immediately prior to April 15, 2017, was being sold and distributed
in this state:

- 9 a. as a low-point beer pursuant to the Low-Point Beer 10 Distribution Act in effect immediately prior to 11 October 1, 2018, and
- b. as strong beer pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverage
 Control Act in effect immediately prior to October 1,
 2018,

15 and continues to be sold and distributed as such on October 1, 2018.
16 Dual-strength beer does not include a brand of beer that arose as a
17 result of a brand extension as defined in this section;

18 23. "Fair market value" means the value in the subject 19 territory covered by the written agreement with the distributor or 20 wholesaler that would be determined in an arm's length transaction 21 entered into without duress or threat of termination of the 22 distributor's or wholesaler's rights and shall include all elements 23 of value, including goodwill and going-concern value;

24 24. "Good cause" means:

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- a. failure by the distributor to comply with the material
 and reasonable provisions of a written agreement or
 understanding with the brewer, or
- 4 b. failure by the distributor to comply with the duty of
 5 good faith;

6 25. "Good faith" means the duty of each party to any
7 distributor agreement and all officers, employees or agents thereof
8 to act with honesty in fact and within reasonable standards of fair
9 dealing in the trade;

10 26. "Grocery store" means a person primarily engaged in 11 retailing a general line of food, such as canned or frozen foods, 12 fresh fruits and vegetables, and fresh and prepared meats, fish and 13 poultry;

"Hotel" or "motel" means an establishment which is licensed 27. 14 to sell alcoholic beverages by the individual drink and which 15 contains guestroom accommodations with respect to which the 16 predominant relationship existing between the occupants thereof and 17 the owner or operator of the establishment is that of innkeeper and 18 quest. For purposes of this section, the existence of other legal 19 relationships as between some occupants and the owner or operator 20 thereof shall be immaterial; 21

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

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1 29. "Licensee" means any person holding a license under the 2 Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, and any agent, servant or 3 employee of such licensee while in the performance of any act or 4 duty in connection with the licensed business or on the licensed 5 premises;

6 30. "Low-point beer" shall mean any beverages containing more 7 than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) alcohol by volume, and not 8 more than three and two-tenths percent (3.2%) alcohol by weight, 9 including but not limited to, beer or cereal malt beverages obtained 10 by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion by barley or other 11 grain, malt or similar products;

12 31. "Manufacturer" means a distiller, winemaker, rectifier or 13 bottler of any alcoholic beverage, (other than beer) <u>licensed by the</u> 14 <u>State of Oklahoma</u>, and its subsidiaries, affiliates and parent 15 companies;

16 32. "Manufacturer's agent" means a salaried or commissioned 17 salesperson who is the agent authorized to act on behalf of the 18 manufacturer or nonresident seller in the state;

19 33. "Meals" means foods commonly ordered at lunch or dinner and 20 at least part of which is cooked on the licensed premises and 21 requires the use of dining implements for consumption. Provided, 22 that the service of only food such as appetizers, sandwiches, salads 23 or desserts shall not be considered "meals";

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1 34. "Mini-bar" means a closed container, either refrigerated in 2 whole or in part, or nonrefrigerated, and access to the interior of 3 which is:

a. restricted by means of a locking device which requires
the use of a key, magnetic card or similar device, or
b. controlled at all times by the licensee;

"Mixed beverage cooler" means any beverage, by whatever 7 35. name designated, consisting of an alcoholic beverage and fruit or 8 9 vegetable juice, fruit or vegetable flavorings, dairy products or 10 carbonated water containing more than one-half of one percent (1/2 11 of 1%) of alcohol measured by volume but not more than seven percent 12 (7%) alcohol by volume at sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit and which is packaged in a container not larger than three hundred seventy-five 13 (375) milliliters. Such term shall include but not be limited to 14 15 the beverage popularly known as a "wine cooler";

36. "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;

37. "Motion picture theater" means an establishment which islicensed by Section 2-110 of this title to sell alcoholic beverages

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1 by the individual drink and where motion pictures are exhibited, and 2 to which the general public is admitted;

3 38. "Nondesignated products" means the brands of wine or 4 spirits offered for sale by a manufacturer that have not been 5 assigned to a designated wholesaler;

39. "Nonresident seller" means any person licensed pursuant to
7 Section 2-135 of this title;

8 40. "Retail salesperson" means a salesperson soliciting orders 9 from and calling upon retail alcoholic beverage stores with regard 10 to his or her product;

11 41. "Occupation" as used in connection with "occupation tax" 12 means the sites occupied as the places of business of the 13 manufacturers, brewers, wholesalers, beer distributors, retailers, 14 mixed beverage licensees, on-premises beer and wine licensees, 15 bottle clubs, caterers, public event and special event licensees;

16 42. "Original package" means any container of alcoholic
17 beverage filled and stamped or sealed by the manufacturer or brewer;

18 43. "Package store" means any sole proprietor or partnership 19 that qualifies to sell wine, beer and/or spirits for off-premise 20 consumption and that is not a grocery store, convenience store or 21 drug store, or other retail outlet that is not permitted to sell 22 wine or beer for off-premise consumption;

23 44. "Patron" means any person, customer or visitor who is not 24 employed by a licensee or who is not a licensee;

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45. "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;

5 46. "Premises" means the grounds and all buildings and appurtenances pertaining to the grounds including any adjacent 6 premises if under the direct or indirect control of the licensee and 7 the rooms and equipment under the control of the licensee and used 8 9 in connection with or in furtherance of the business covered by a 10 license. Provided that the ABLE Commission shall have the authority 11 to designate areas to be excluded from the licensed premises solely 12 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.

18 This exception shall in no way limit the licensee's concurrent 19 responsibility for any violations of the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage 20 Control Act occurring on the licensed premises;

21 47. "Private event" means a social gathering or event attended 22 by invited guests who share a common cause, membership, business or 23 task and have a prior established relationship. For purposes of 24 this definition, advertisement for general public attendance or

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1 sales of tickets to the general public shall not constitute a
2 private event;

3 48. "Public event" means any event that can be attended by the 4 general public;

5 49. "Rectifier" means any person who rectifies, purifies or refines spirits or wines by any process (other than by original and 6 continuous distillation, or original and continuous processing, from 7 mash, wort, wash or other substance, through continuous closed 8 9 vessels and pipes, until the production thereof is complete), and 10 any person who, without rectifying, purifying or refining spirits, shall by mixing (except for immediate consumption on the premises 11 12 where mixed) such spirits, wine or other liquor with any material, manufactures any spurious, imitation or compound liquors for sale, 13 under the name of whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, wine, spirits, cordials 14 15 or any other name;

16 50. "Regulation" or "rule" means a formal rule of general 17 application promulgated by the ABLE Commission as herein required;

18 51. "Restaurant" means an establishment that is licensed to 19 sell alcoholic beverages by the individual drink for on-premises 20 consumption and where food is prepared and sold for immediate 21 consumption on the premises;

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

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S3. "Retailer" means a package store, grocery store,
 convenience store or drug store licensed to sell alcoholic beverages
 for off-premise consumption pursuant to a Retail Spirits License,
 Retail Wine License or Retail Beer License;

5 54. "Sale" means any transfer, exchange or barter in any manner or by any means whatsoever, and includes and means all sales made by 6 any person, whether as principal, proprietor or as an agent, servant 7 or employee. The term "sale" is also declared to be and include the 8 9 use or consumption in this state of any alcoholic beverage obtained 10 within or imported from without this state, upon which the excise 11 tax levied by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act has not 12 been paid or exempted;

13 55. "Short-order food" means food other than full meals 14 including but not limited to sandwiches, soups and salads. Provided 15 that popcorn, chips and other similar snack food shall not be 16 considered "short-order food";

17 56. "Small brewer" means a brewer who manufactures sixty-five 18 thousand (65,000) barrels of beer annually pursuant to a validly 19 issued Small Brewer License hereunder;

57. "Small farm wine" means a wine that is produced by a small farm winery with seventy-five percent (75%) or more Oklahoma-grown grapes, berries, other fruits, honey or vegetables;

23 58. "Small farm winery" means a wine-making establishment that 24 does not annually produce for sale more than fifteen thousand

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1 (15,000) gallons of wine as reported on the United States Department 2 of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Report of 3 Wine Premises Operations (TTB Form 5120.17);

4 59. "Sparkling wine" means champagne or any artificially 5 carbonated wine;

6 60. "Special event" means an entertainment, recreation or
7 marketing event that occurs at a single location on an irregular
8 basis and at which alcoholic beverages are sold;

9 61. "Spirits" means any beverage other than wine or beer, which 10 contains more than one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) alcohol 11 measured by volume, and obtained by distillation, whether or not 12 mixed with other substances in solution and includes those products known as whiskey, brandy, rum, gin, vodka, liqueurs, cordials and 13 fortified wines and similar compounds, but shall not include any 14 15 alcohol liquid completely denatured in accordance with the Acts of Congress and regulations pursuant thereto; 16

17 62. "Strong beer" means beer which, prior to October 1, 2018,
18 was distributed pursuant to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control
19 Act, Section 501 et seq. of Title 37 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

20 63. "Successor brewer" means a primary source of supply, a
21 brewer, a cider manufacturer or an importer that acquires rights to
22 a beer or cider brand from a predecessor brewer;

23 64. "Tax Commission" means the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

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1 65. "Territory" means a geographic region with a specified
2 boundary;

66. "Wine and spirits wholesaler" or "wine and spirits
distributor" means and includes any sole proprietorship or
partnership licensed to distribute wine and spirits in the state.
The term "wholesaler", as used the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage
Control Act, shall be construed to refer to a wine and spirits
wholesaler; and

9 67. "Wine" means and includes any beverage containing more than 10 one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) alcohol by volume and not more 11 than twenty-four percent (24%) alcohol by volume at sixty (60) 12 degrees Fahrenheit obtained by the fermentation of the natural 13 contents of fruits, vegetables, honey, milk or other products 14 containing sugar, whether or not other ingredients are added, and 15 includes vermouth and sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

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.

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 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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