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8 ESTABLISHING THE ALABAMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
9 REFORM TASK FORCE.

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11 WHEREAS, state government regulation, control,
12 oversight, and participation regarding the manufacture,
13 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages varies from
14 state to state; and

15 WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives
16 desires to take proactive steps to ensure that the state
17 utilizes the most cost effective regulatory and oversight
18 measures with regard to the manufacture, distribution, and
19 sale of alcoholic beverages, while balancing the public policy
20 and safety considerations regarding the same; and

21 WHEREAS, the Alabama House of Representatives
22 desires to research and analyze the laws and provisions of
23 this state and other states involving the manufacture,
24 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages; now therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
26 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That there is established the
27 Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Reform Task Force.

1 (a) The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Reform
2 Task Force (ABC Reform Task Force) shall be composed of the
3 following members:

4 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or
5 his or her designee.

6 (2) The Chair of the House Economic Development and
7 Tourism Committee or his or her designee.

8 (3) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General
9 Fund Committee.

10 (4) One member of the House of Representatives, who
11 shall be a member of the minority party, to be selected by the
12 Speaker of the House.

13 (5) A representative of the Alabama Alcoholic
14 Beverage Control Board (ABC) appointed by the board, who shall
15 be a nonvoting member.

16 (6) The task force shall be inclusive and reflect
17 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural and economic
18 diversity of the state.

19 (b) The Alabama Law Institute shall serve as the
20 primary resource for researching, compiling information, and
21 drafting recommendations from the task force to the House of
22 Representatives, including any recommended changes to the Code
23 of Alabama 1975. The research shall include the examination of
24 alcoholic beverage laws of other states and shall include
25 input and briefings from all sectors of the alcoholic beverage
26 industry.

1 (c) The goal of the task force is to examine the
2 laws and regulations of this state and other states related to
3 the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic
4 beverages, and the role of this state in the manufacture,
5 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages, and to
6 determine if more cost-effective measures and reforms can be
7 reasonably implemented by the Alabama Legislature to reduce
8 the cost and burden of Alabama alcoholic beverage laws and
9 regulations on the taxpayers of the state, while giving due
10 consideration to the stabilization and support of the free
11 enterprises currently existing and operating in the state and
12 balancing the interests of the public morals and safety.

13 (d) The task force shall be charged with the
14 following duties and responsibilities:

15 (1) Upon adjournment of the 2015 Regular Legislative
16 Session, the task force shall schedule its first meeting which
17 shall be held no less than three months after adjournment. At
18 the first meeting the task force shall select a chair and a
19 vice chair.

20 (2) The task force shall research and analyze
21 potential cost-saving and government-streamlining measures
22 that would save Alabama taxpayer funds related to government
23 regulation and oversight of the manufacture, distribution, and
24 sale of alcoholic beverages, and the role of the state in the
25 manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages.

26 (3) Based on the data and analysis of this state and
27 laws and regulations of other states, the task force shall

1 draft a report that includes recommendations of potential
2 cost-saving and government-streamlining measures and reforms
3 related to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of
4 alcoholic beverages.

5 (4) The task force shall report its findings,
6 conclusions, and recommendations for proposed legislation to
7 the House of Representatives no later than the first day of
8 the 2016 Regular Session, whereupon it shall stand dissolved
9 and discharged of any further duties and liabilities.

10 (e) Upon request of the chair, the Clerk of the
11 House of Representatives shall provide necessary clerical
12 assistance for the work of the commission.

13 (f) Each legislative member of the commission shall
14 be entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation,
15 per diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
16 meeting of the commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of
17 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be
18 paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the
19 Legislature.