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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROMOTE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM; TO
10 ESTABLISH AREAS OF A CITY OR TOWN THAT HIGHLIGHT
11 RESTAURANT, ENTERTAINMENT, AND HOSPITALITY OPTIONS;
12 TO ESTABLISH TEMPORARY OR PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED
13 ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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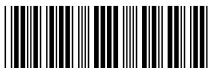
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-2-206, concerning the rulemaking
28 authority of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, is amended to add an
29 additional subsection to read as follows:

30 (f) A rule promulgated under this title that prohibits a person from
31 possessing an alcoholic beverage outside of an establishment that holds a
32 permit for on-premises consumption and from which the alcoholic beverage was
33 purchased does not apply within a designated entertainment district as
34 defined in § 14-54-1412.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-71-212(e), concerning the exceptions to



1 consuming alcohol in public, is amended to read as follows:

2 (e) ~~The provisions of this~~ This section shall does not be construed to
3 prohibit or restrict the consumption of an alcoholic beverage when consumed:

4 (1) as As a part of a recognized religious ceremony or ritual; or

5 (2) Within the physical boundaries of a designated entertainment
6 district as defined in § 14-54-1412.

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 54, Subchapter 14, is
9 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10 14-54-1412. Designated entertainment districts.

11 (a) As used in this section, "designated entertainment district" means
12 a contiguous area located in a part of a city, a municipality, or an
13 incorporated town that:

14 (1) Is zoned for or customarily used for commercial purposes;

15 and

16 (2) Contains any number and any combination of restaurants,
17 taprooms, taverns, entertainment establishments, hospitality establishments,
18 music venues, theaters, bars, art galleries, art studios, tourist
19 destinations, distilleries, dance clubs, cinemas, or concert halls.

20 (b)(1) A city, a municipality, or an incorporated town collecting a
21 gross receipts tax on prepared food or hotel and motel accommodations under
22 §§ 26-75-602 – 26-75-613 and located in a county authorized to sell alcoholic
23 beverages may by ordinance create a designated entertainment district.

24 (2) A designated entertainment district may be permanent or
25 temporary.

26 (3) A city, a municipality, or an incorporated town that creates
27 a designated entertainment district under this section shall set by ordinance
28 reasonable standards for the regulation of alcohol possession within the
29 boundaries of the designated entertainment district.