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AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUOR CONTROL; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT TO ALLOW MINORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER THE NEW MEXICO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT TO DELIVER PACKAGED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 60-7B-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 90, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-7B-10. MINORS IN LICENSED PREMISES--REGULATIONS.--

A. Any person licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Liquor Control Act or any employee, agent or lessee of that person who permits a minor to enter and remain in any area of a licensed premises that is prohibited to the use of minors is guilty of a violation of the Liquor Control Act.

B. A minor shall not enter or attempt to enter any area of a licensed premises that is posted or otherwise identified as being prohibited to the use of minors, except as authorized by regulation or as necessitated by an emergency. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished pursuant to the provisions of Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

C. The director of the alcohol and gaming division of the regulation and licensing department shall adopt

1 regulations classifying the types of licensed premises or
2 areas of licensed premises where minors may be present. The
3 director shall require that signs issued by the division be
4 posted by licensees to inform the public, including minors,
5 of the areas in licensed premises that are open to minors.
6 The regulations may allow minors in those areas of licensed
7 premises where:

8 (1) the consumption of alcoholic beverages
9 is the primary activity, when a minor is accompanied by a
10 parent, adult spouse or legal guardian;

11 (2) there is no consumption of alcoholic
12 beverages; or

13 (3) the minor is at least eighteen years of
14 age and licensed under the New Mexico Commercial Driver's
15 License Act and is making a delivery of packaged alcoholic
16 beverages to a holder of a dispenser's, retailer's,
17 restaurant, club, small brewer, winegrower, craft
18 distiller, manufacturer's or rectifier or any other
19 license that allows for the purchase and delivery of
20 alcoholic beverages."

21 SECTION 2. Section 60-7B-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
22 Chapter 39, Section 91, as amended) is amended to read:

23 "60-7B-11. EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS.--

24 A. Except as provided in Subsection B or C of this
25 section, it is a violation of the Liquor Control Act for any

1 person licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Liquor
2 Control Act or for any employee, agent or lessee of that
3 person knowingly to employ or use the service of any minor in
4 the sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

5 B. A person holding a dispenser's, restaurant or
6 club license may employ persons nineteen years of age or
7 older to sell or serve alcoholic beverages in an
8 establishment that is held out to the public as a place where
9 meals are prepared and served and the primary source of
10 revenue is food, and where the sale or consumption of
11 alcoholic beverages is not the primary activity, except that
12 a person under twenty-one years of age shall not be employed
13 as a bartender.

14 C. A person holding a wholesaler's license may
15 employ persons eighteen years of age or older who are
16 licensed pursuant to the New Mexico Commercial Driver's
17 License Act to engage in activities customary to warehouse
18 operations and to handle and deliver alcoholic beverages to
19 licensees holding a dispenser's, retailer's, restaurant,
20 club, small brewer, winegrower, craft distiller,
21 manufacturer's, rectifier or any other license that allows
22 for the purchase and delivery of alcoholic beverages by a
23 licensed wholesaler, as long as the minor delivers sealed,
24 unbroken packages, including containers such as bottles, cans
25 and kegs. A person under the age of twenty-one shall not be

1 allowed to sample alcoholic beverages to accounts."

2 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
3 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. _____

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