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MEMORANDUM

TO: JESSICA WHITTAKER
FROM: DORALEE CHANDLER
SUBJECT: RULES UPDATE
DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2021

Act 68: This Act establishes an excursion train permit and authorizes an excursion train permit holder to sell and serve alcoholic beverages. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall adopt rules to implement and administer Ark. Code Ann. § 3-4-612, concerning excursion train permits. These Rules have been drafted and approved by the ABC Board. Secretary Walter reviewed the rules on September 1, 2021 and they were forwarded to the Governor for approval. ABC has received approval from the Governor's office to move forward with these rules. They are scheduled to be published for the 30 day comment period beginning October 13, 2021 with the conclusion of the comment period set for the November 17, 2021, ABC Board meeting.

Act 578: This Act amends the law regarding alcoholic beverages and authorizes beer wholesalers to distribute certain ready-to-drink products. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall promulgate rules regarding the distribution of ready-to-drink products containing spirituous liquor with a final finished product of no greater than fifteen percent (15%) alcohol by weight and malt liquor. These rules were drafted and set to be presented to the ABC Board on September 15th, but were not heard due to some modifications that were requested. They are currently set to be presented to the Board at the October 13, 2021 meeting.

Act 703: This Act authorizes certain permit holders to sell alcoholic beverages directly to consumers to be consumed off-premises or delivered to the consumer at a location off-premises. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall adopt rules to implement and administer Ark. Code Ann. § 3-4-107, concerning alcoholic beverages with food purchase. These Rules have been drafted and approved by the ABC Board. Secretary Walter reviewed the rules on September 1, 2021 and they were forwarded to the Governor for approval. ABC has received approval from the Governor's office to move forward with these rules. They are scheduled to be published for the 30 day comment period beginning October 13, 2021 with the conclusion of the comment period set for the November 17, 2021, ABC Board meeting.