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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** REBECCA MILLER-RICE  
**FROM:** DORALEE CHANDLER  
**SUBJECT:** RULES UPDATE  
**DATE:** May 9, 2022

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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. The rules have been published, filed with the Secretary of State and the State library. The public comment period expired at the ABC November 17, 2021 board meeting with no public comment being received. The rules were presented to the Rules Committee January 26<sup>th</sup> and were filed with the Secretary of State and State Library on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rules became effective February 12, 2022.

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 15<sup>th</sup>, but were not heard due to some modifications that were requested. The rules were presented to the Board at the October 13, 2021, board meeting. They have been presented and approved by Secretary Walther and the Governor. The rules are expected to be published December 11, 2021 for public comment. The public comment period expired on January 19, 2021 at the ABC board meeting. The rules were presented to the Rules Committee April 20, 2022 and were filed with the Secretary of State and State Library on May 9, 2022 with an effective date of July 1, 2022 per the Act 578.

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. The rules have been published, filed with the Secretary of State and the State library. The public comment period expired at the ABC November 17, 2021 board meeting with no public comment being received. The rules were presented to the Rules Committee January 26<sup>th</sup> and were filed with the Secretary of State and State Library on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The rules became effective February 12, 2022.