

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1500

5 By: Representative W. Lewellen  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ISSUANCE  
10 OF ALCOHOL PERMITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE  
13 ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL PERMITS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-210 is amended to read as follows:  
20 3-4-210. Applications - Notice requirements.

21 (a)(1) After filing an acceptable application with the ~~director~~  
22 Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, the applicant shall  
23 cause to be published at least once a week for ~~two (2)~~ four (4) consecutive  
24 weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city in which the  
25 premises are situated or, if the premises are not in a city, in a newspaper  
26 of general circulation for the locality where the business is to be  
27 conducted, a notice that the applicant has applied for a permit to sell  
28 alcoholic beverages at retail.

29 (2) The notice shall be in such form as the Director of the  
30 Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall prescribe by rule, ~~regulation~~, or  
31 order and shall be verified.

32 (3) The notice shall give the names of the applicant and the  
33 business and shall state that the applicant is a resident of Arkansas, a  
34 citizen or resident alien of the United States, that he or she has a good  
35 moral character, that he or she has never been convicted of a felony or had a  
36 license to sell alcoholic beverages revoked within the five (5) years



1 preceding the date of notice, whether issued by this state or any other  
2 state, and that he or she has not been convicted of violating laws, of this  
3 state or any other state, governing the sale of alcoholic beverages within  
4 five (5) years preceding the date of the notice.

5 (b)(1) Within five (5) days after filing an application for a permit  
6 to sell alcoholic beverages at retail at any premises, a notice of the  
7 application shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance to the  
8 premises.

9 (2) The applicant shall notify the Director of the Alcoholic  
10 Beverage Control Division of the date when notice is first posted.

11 (3) No permit shall be issued to any applicant until proper  
12 notice has been posted on the premises for at least thirty (30) consecutive  
13 days.

14 (4)(A) The notice shall be in such form as the Director of the  
15 Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall prescribe by rule, ~~regulation~~, or  
16 order.

17 (B) The notice shall be:

18 (i) At least eleven inches (11") in width and  
19 seventeen inches (17") in height; and

20 (ii) Printed in black lettering on a yellow  
21 background.

22 (c)(1) Upon receipt by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
23 Division of an application for a permit, written notice thereof, which shall  
24 include a copy of the application, the application shall immediately be  
25 mailed by the director to the sheriff, chief of police, if located within a  
26 city, and prosecuting attorney of the locality in which the premises are  
27 situated, and to the city board of directors or other governing body of the  
28 city in which the premises are situated, if within an incorporated area.

29 (2) No license shall be issued by the director until at least  
30 thirty (30) days have passed from the mailing by the director of the notices  
31 required by this section.

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-4-211 is amended to read as follows:

34 3-4-211. Applications - Protests.

35 Upon receipt by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division  
36 within thirty (30) days of a protest against issuance of a permit by a

1 governing official of the city or county to whom the notice of an application  
2 for permit has been mailed, the director shall not issue the license until he  
3 or she has held a public hearing.

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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 3-9-222 is amended to read as follows:

6 3-9-222. Private clubs - Procedure for obtaining permit.

7 (a) Application for a permit to operate as a private club may be made  
8 to the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division in accordance with  
9 the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

10 (b)(1) The application for a private club shall be accompanied by an  
11 annual permit fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

12 (2) The application for a bed and breakfast private club shall  
13 be accompanied by an annual permit fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

14 (c)(1) After filing an acceptable application with the director, the  
15 applicant shall cause to be published at least once a week for ~~two (2)~~ four  
16 (4) consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the city  
17 in which the premises are situated or, if the premises are not in a city, in  
18 a newspaper of general circulation for the locality where the business is to  
19 be conducted, a notice that the applicant has applied for a permit to  
20 dispense alcoholic beverages on the premises.

21 (2) The notice shall be in such form as the director shall  
22 prescribe by rule, ~~regulation~~, or order and shall be verified.

23 (3) The notice shall give the names of the managing agent and  
24 the nonprofit corporation or, in the case of a bed and breakfast private  
25 club, the name of the business owner, and shall state:

26 (A) That the manager, or in the case of a bed and  
27 breakfast private club, the owner, at least one (1) partner, or the majority  
28 stockholder is a citizen of Arkansas;

29 (B) That he or she has a good moral character;

30 (C) That he or she has never been convicted of a felony or  
31 had a license to sell or dispense alcoholic beverages revoked within the five  
32 (5) years preceding the date of the notice; and

33 (D) That he or she has never been convicted of violating  
34 the laws of this state or of any other state governing the sale or dispensing  
35 of alcoholic beverages.

36 (d)(1) Within five (5) days after filing an application for a permit

1 to dispense alcoholic beverages on the premises, a notice of the application  
2 shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the entrance to the premises.

3 (2) The applicant shall notify the Director of the Alcoholic  
4 Beverage Control Division of the date when the notice is first posted.

5 (3) No permit shall be issued to any applicant until proper  
6 notice has been so posted on the premises for at least thirty (30)  
7 consecutive days.

8 (4)(A) The notice shall be in such form as the Director of the  
9 Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall prescribe by rule, ~~regulation~~, or  
10 order.

11 (B) The notice shall be:

12 (i) At least eleven inches (11") in width and  
13 seventeen inches (17") in height; and

14 (ii) Printed in black lettering on a yellow  
15 background.

16 (e)(1) Upon receipt by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control  
17 Division of an application for a permit, written notice thereof, which shall  
18 include a copy of the application, the application shall immediately be  
19 mailed by the director to the sheriff, chief of police, if located within a  
20 city, prosecuting attorney of the locality in which the premises are  
21 situated, and city board of directors or other governing body of the city in  
22 which the premises are situated if within an incorporated area. The  
23 provisions of this section shall be retroactive to July 28, 1995.

24 (2) No license shall be issued by the director until at least  
25 thirty (30) days have passed from the mailing by the director of the notices  
26 required by this section.

27 (3) Upon receipt by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage  
28 Control Division within the thirty (30) days of a protest against the  
29 issuance of a permit by a governing official of the city or county to whom  
30 the notice of an application for permit has been mailed, the director shall  
31 not issue the license until he or she has held a public hearing.

32 (f) Upon the director's determining that the applicant is qualified  
33 hereunder and that the application is in the public interest, a permit may be  
34 issued as authorized in this section.

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36 /s/ W. Lewellen