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A Bill

SENATE BILL 472

5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative Maddox
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
10 BEVERAGES; TO AUTHORIZE A STATE PARK TO SELL
11 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION
12 WITHOUT OBTAINING A PERMIT FROM THE ALCOHOLIC
13 BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
17 BEVERAGES; AND TO AUTHORIZE A STATE PARK
18 TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-
19 PREMISES CONSUMPTION WITHOUT OBTAINING A
20 PERMIT FROM THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
21 CONTROL DIVISION.
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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 Title 3, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 3-9-103. State parks – Definition.

30 (a) As used in this section, "alcoholic beverage" means a beverage
31 containing more than five-tenths percent (0.5%) of alcohol by weight.

32 (b)(1) A state park may seek approval from the Secretary of the
33 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to sell alcoholic beverages or
34 provide complimentary servings of alcoholic beverages for on-premises
35 consumption to an individual who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older at
36 the state park during legal operating hours without obtaining a permit from



1 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

2 (2)(A) Upon approval by the secretary, the state park is
3 authorized to sell or serve alcoholic beverages as described under
4 subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

5 (B) A state park that has obtained authorization under
6 subdivision (b)(2)(A) may allow a third party vendor at the state park to
7 serve alcoholic beverages as described under subdivision (b)(1) of this
8 section.

9 (c) A state park authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under
10 subsection (b) of this section shall purchase all alcoholic beverages from a
11 wholesaler.

12 (d)(1) A state park authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under
13 subsection (b) of this section is not subject to the provision of § 3-3-211
14 or § 3-9-201 et seq.

15 (2) A state park authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under
16 subsection (b) of this section is subject to all other applicable Arkansas
17 laws involving the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages that do not
18 conflict with this section.

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