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8 ESTABLISHING AN ALABAMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE STUDY
9 COMMISSION.

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the
13 Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission.

14 (a) The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission
15 (AABSC) shall be composed of the following members:

16 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or
17 his or her designee.

18 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his
19 or her designee.

20 (3) The Chair of the Senate Tourism Committee or his
21 or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the
22 commission.

23 (4) The Chair of the House Economic Development and
24 Tourism Committee or his or her designee, who shall serve as
25 co-chair of the commission.

26 (5) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation,
27 General Fund Committee.

1 (6) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General
2 Fund Committee.

3 (7) One member of the Senate and one member of the
4 House of Representatives, who shall be members of the minority
5 party, to be selected by the co-chairs of the commission.

6 (8) A representative of the Alabama Alcoholic
7 Beverage Control Board (ABC) appointed by the board.

8 (b) The Alabama Law Institute shall serve as the
9 primary resource for researching, compiling information, and
10 drafting the recommended changes to the Code of Alabama for
11 the commission. The research will include the examination of
12 other state's alcoholic beverage laws and shall include public
13 input and briefings from all sectors of the alcoholic beverage
14 industry.

15 (c) The goal of the commission is to examine and
16 determine if Alabama's alcoholic beverage laws related to the
17 manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages are
18 congruent, competitive, and consistent with the alcoholic
19 beverage industry related laws from across the United States.

20 (d) The commission shall be charged with the
21 following duties and responsibilities:

22 (1) Upon adjournment of the 2015 Regular Legislative
23 Session, the commission shall schedule three public hearings,
24 one each to be held in the Cities of Huntsville, Birmingham,
25 and Mobile. The public hearings shall be held for the
26 commission to receive input from the public and from

1 individuals and businesses involved in the manufacturing,
2 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverage products.

3 (2) The commission shall visit two states deemed by
4 the commission to have the most responsible and progressive
5 alcoholic beverage laws in the United States. The commission
6 shall interview state agencies in those states that are
7 responsible for the enforcement and manufacturing,
8 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages in those states.

9 (3) The commission shall publish its findings and
10 proposals for amending the laws of Alabama by December 31,
11 2015, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

12 (e) The privatization of state-owned ABC stores are
13 specifically excluded from the AABSC study and any subsequent
14 legislative recommendations.

15 (f) Upon request of the co-chairs, the Secretary of
16 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
17 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the
18 commission. Each legislative member of the commission shall be
19 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per
20 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a
21 meeting of the commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of
22 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be
23 paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the
24 Legislature.