**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑6‑1645 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A VALID BEER AND WINE LICENSE AND A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK MAY SELL WINE WHICH IS NOT IN EXCESS OF TWENTY‑ONE PERCENT, AND FORTIFIED WINE TO BE CONSUMED ON AND OFF THE PREMISES; TO AMEND SECTION 61‑4‑570, RELATING TO WINE SERVICE FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A VALID BEER AND WINE LICENSE AND A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK WHICH SELLS WINE NOT IN EXCESS OF TWENTY‑ONE PERCENT ALSO MAY SELL FORTIFIED WINE TO BE CONSUMED ON AND OFF THE PREMISES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR “FORTIFIED WINE”.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Subarticle 1, Article 5, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61‑6‑1645. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an establishment that holds a valid beer and wine license and a license to sell alcoholic liquors by the drink may sell wine which is not in excess of twenty‑one percent of alcohol by volume, and fortified wine as defined in Section 61‑6‑20, to be consumed on and off the premises.”

SECTION 2. Section 61‑4‑570 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 61‑4‑570. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an establishment that holds a valid beer and wine license and a license to sell alcoholic liquors by the drink may sell wine which is not in excess of twenty‑one percent of alcohol by volume, and fortified wine as defined in Section 61‑6‑20, to be consumed on and off the premises.”

SECTION 3. Section 61‑6‑20 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 87 of 2013, is further amended by adding a new item at the end to read:

“( ) ‘Fortified wine’ is a wine to which alcoholic liquors have been added and which is not in excess of twenty‑three percent of alcohol by volume.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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