**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SUBARTICLE 15, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 61 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF RETAIL DEALERS BY THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ACT, AND SUBARTICLE 1, ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 61 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO BIENNIAL LICENSES AND LICENSEES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑6‑1545 AND SECTION 61‑6‑1615, TO PROVIDE THAT RETAIL DEALERS OF ALCOHOL AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK LOCATED IN PASSENGER TERMINAL FACILITIES AT COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORTS ARE EXEMPT FROM RESTRICTIONS ON HOURS OF OPERATION AND THE SALE OF NONALCOHOLIC MERCHANDISE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 55 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA AIRPORTS ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 55‑9‑370, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORTS ARE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION FOR RETAIL DEALERS OF ALCOHOL AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK.

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

SECTION 1. Subarticle 15, Article 3, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-6-1545. (A) Retail dealers located in passenger terminal facilities at commercial service airports, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, are exempt from the provisions of Section 61-6-1500(A)(1)(a), concerning hours of operation, and Section 61-6-1540, concerning the sale of nonalcoholic merchandise.

(B) Commercial service airports are required to establish hours of operation for retail dealers located in passenger terminal facilities.”

SECTION 2. Subarticle 1, Article 5, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61-6-1615. (A) Business establishments selling alcoholic liquors by the drink located in passenger terminal facilities at commercial service airports, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, are exempt from the provisions of Section 61-6-1610(A) and Section 61-6-1610(D), concerning hours of operation.

(B) Commercial service airports are required to establish hours of operation for business establishments selling alcoholic liquors by the drink, including beer and wine, located in passenger terminal facilities.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 9, Title 55 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 55-9-370. Commercial service airports, as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration, are required to establish hours of operation for retail dealers of alcohol and business establishments selling alcoholic liquors by the drink, including beer and wine, located in passenger terminal facilities.”

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

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