**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TABLE SERVICE REQUIREMENT FOR BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN THE PREPARATION AND SERVICE OF MEALS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1610, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS MAY BE SOLD BY THE DRINK IN A MOVIE THEATER COMPLEX THAT MEETS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61‑6‑20(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) ‘Bona fide engaged primarily and substantially in the preparation and serving of meals’ means a business that provides facilities for seating not fewer than forty persons simultaneously ~~at tables~~ for the service of meals and that:

(a) is equipped with a kitchen that is utilized for the cooking, preparation, and serving of meals upon customer request at normal meal times;

(b) has readily available to its guests and patrons either menus with the listings of various meals offered for service or a listing of available meals and foods, posted in a conspicuous place readily discernible by the guest or patrons; and

(c) prepares for service to customers, upon the demand of the customer, hot meals at least once each day the business establishment chooses to be open.”

SECTION 2. Section 61‑6‑1610 of the 1976 Code is amended to by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) A movie theater complex is deemed to be bona fide engaged primarily and substantially in the preparation of serving of meals if the complex:

(1) is equipped with an area that is utilized for the preparation and serving of meals upon customer request at normal meal times;

(2) has readily available to its guests and patrons menus with the listing of various meals offered for service or a listing of available meals and foods posted in a conspicuous place readily discernible by guests or patrons; and

(3) prepares for service to customers hot meals upon the demand of the customer at least once each day the business establishment is open.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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