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AN ACT

relating to the creation of a grocery certificate for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 25, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 25.14 as follows:

Sec. 25.14. GROCERY CERTIFICATE. (a) A holder of a Wine and Beer Retailer's permit may be issued a grocery certificate by the commission if the premises for which the certificate is issued exceed 15,000 square feet, have three or more checkout counters and provide retail food sales.

(b) The fee for a grocery certificate shall be set at a level sufficient to recover the cost of issuing the certificate and administering this section.

(c) A certificate expires on the expiration of the primary permit.

SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 26.08 as follows:

Sec. 26.08. Grocery Certificate. (a) A holder of a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise permit may be issued a grocery certificate by the commission if the premises for which the certificate is issued exceed 15,000 square feet, have three or more checkout counters and provide retail food sales.

(b) The fee for a grocery certificate shall be set at a level

1 sufficient to recover the cost of issuing the certificate and  
2 administering this section.

3 (c) A certificate expires on the expiration of the primary  
4 permit.

5 SECTION 3. Chapter 69, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended  
6 by adding Section 69.17 as follows:

7 Sec. 69.17. GROCERY CERTIFICATE. (a) A holder of a Retail  
8 Dealer's On-Premise license may be issued a grocery certificate by  
9 the commission if the premises for which the certificate is issued  
10 exceed 15,000 square feet, have three or more checkout counters and  
11 provide retail food sales.

12 (b) The fee for a grocery certificate shall be set at a level  
13 sufficient to recover the cost of issuing the certificate and  
14 administering this section.

15 (c) A certificate expires on the expiration of the primary  
16 license.

17 SECTION 4. Chapter 71, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended  
18 by adding Section 71.11 as follows:

19 Sec. 71.11. GROCERY CERTIFICATE. (a) A holder of a Retail  
20 Dealer's Off-Premise license may be issued a grocery certificate by  
21 the commission if the premises for which the certificate is issued  
22 exceed 15,000 square feet, have three or more checkout counters and  
23 provide retail food sales.

24 (b) The fee for a grocery certificate shall be set at a level  
25 sufficient to recover the cost of issuing the certificate and  
26 administering this section.

27 (c) A certificate expires on the expiration of the primary

1 license.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.