By: Farrar H.B. No. 273

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT relating to the eligibility of certain persons for a wine and beer retailer's permit. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 11.481 to read as follows: Sec. 11.481. REFUSAL OF WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT: CERTAIN RELATIVES OF CERTAIN APPLICANTS. If the commission, 

administrator, or county judge refuses to issue or renew or cancels

a wine and beer retailer's permit, an original wine and beer

retailer's permit for the same premises may not be issued to an

individual related to the former permit holder or applicant within

the fourth degree by consanguinity or affinity, as determined under

Chapter 573, Government Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a permit application for a wine and beer retailer's permit that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A permit application that is filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.