

Amend CSHB 1545 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION _____. Effective September 1, 2019, Sections 22.04(a) and (c), Alcoholic Beverage Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[No]~~ person may not hold or have an interest, directly or indirectly, in more than 250 ~~[five]~~ package stores or in their business or permit.

(c) Except as provided by Section 22.041, the ~~[The limitations prescribed in this section do not apply to an original or renewal package store permit issued before May 1, 1949, and in effect on that date. The]~~ commission may not issue ~~[or administrator shall renew each permit of that type on proper application if the applicant is otherwise qualified. If a person who holds or has an interest in]~~ more than 15 original ~~[five]~~ package store permits to a person in a calendar year ~~[under the authority of this subsection has one of the permits cancelled, voluntarily or for cause, he may not obtain an additional permit in lieu of the cancelled permit. No person who has more than five package store permits may place any of the permits in suspense with the commission].~~

SECTION _____. Effective September 1, 2019, Chapter 22, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 22.041 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.041. ACQUISITION OF EXISTING PACKAGE STORE BUSINESS. (a) The commission may issue an original package store permit to a person for an existing package store business if:

(1) the person acquired by purchase or otherwise the existing package store business; and

(2) the existing package store business has been operating in the same county for more than one year before the date the person acquired the package store business.

(b) A package store permit issued under this section is not subject to the permit limit under Section 22.04(c).

SECTION _____. Effective September 1, 2019, Section 22.05, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.05. TRANSFER [~~CONSOLIDATION~~] OF PERMITS. The holder of a package store permit may not transfer the permit [~~If one person or two or more persons related within the first degree of consanguinity have a majority of the ownership in two or more legal entities holding package store permits, they may consolidate the package store businesses into a single legal entity. That single legal entity may then be issued permits for all the package stores, notwithstanding any other provision of this code. After the consolidation, none of the permits may be transferred~~] to another county.