By:  Kuempel H.B. No. 3438

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to distance requirements for premises issued a package store permit.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 22, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 22.18 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.18.  DISTANCE FROM OTHER PACKAGE STORES. Except as provided by Section 109.59, on or after September 1, 2019, the commission may not issue a permit under this chapter for a premises that is located within 5000 feet of the premises of another package store permittee.

SECTION 2.  Section 109.59(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  If at the time an original alcoholic beverage permit or license is granted for a premises the premises satisfies the requirements regarding distance from schools, churches, and other types of premises established in this code, including Section 22.18, and any other law or ordinance of the state or a political subdivision of the state in effect at that time, the premises shall be deemed to satisfy the distance requirements for all subsequent renewals of the license or permit.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.