

Task Force on High-Point Beer and Wine Sales in Grocery Stores—SB658

Purpose:

There is hereby created a joint legislative task force to analyze, study and identify amendments and modifications to the laws of this state that would require legislative modifications or a vote of the citizens of this state if low-point and high-point beer and wine were offered for sale in grocery stores throughout this state.

Membership:

The task force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:
 - a. three currently serving Senators of whom two shall be Republicans and one shall be a Democrat,
 - b. one member who shall represent a City Chamber of Commerce or a business organization,
 - c. one member who shall be an owner of a retail package store currently licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail in this state,
 - d. one member who shall be a wholesaler of liquor, wine and spirits,
 - e. one member who shall be a citizen at large residing in this state,
 - f. one member who shall be a Class B wholesaler of high-point beer, and
 - g. one member who shall be a nonresident seller of liquor, wine and spirits;
2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
 - a. three currently serving Representatives of whom two shall be Republicans and one shall be a Democrat,
 - b. one member who shall represent a convenience store,
 - c. one member who shall be an owner of a winery in this state who is currently licensed to produce wine in this state,
 - d. one member who shall be an owner of a retail grocery store who currently operates in this state,
 - e. one member who shall be a citizen at large residing in this state,
 - f. one member who shall represent a beer distributor franchise who operates in this state,
 - g. one member who shall be a national manufacturer of both low-point and high-point beer, and
 - h. one member who shall be an owner of a brewery in this state who is currently licensed to produce high-point beer in this state;
3. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, or a designee; and
4. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance

Abuse Services, or a designee.

Staffing/Support:

Senate and House personnel