# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 658

By: Jolley and Rice of the Senate

and

Peters, Dorman and Cox of the House

An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; creating a joint task force to analyze, study and identify amendments and modifications to certain laws for certain purpose; stating membership and appointing authorities; providing for chair and vice-chair, voting, vacancy, and quorum; designating staff assistance and duty; requiring certain document or report within certain time and conditions; allowing creation of committees and subcommittees; providing for committee or subcommittee chair; allowing addition of other persons for certain purpose; clarifying purpose of added persons; allowing travel reimbursement; setting termination date; and providing for noncodification.

SUBJECT: Task force on the sale of wine and beer in grocery stores

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. 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. 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.

B. The chair of the task force shall be selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the vice-chair shall be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each of the task force members shall have one vote. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled by the appointing authority. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting business.

C. The study shall be assisted by and jointly staffed by Senate and House personnel who shall prepare and draft a comprehensive document ready for presentation under the legislative bill drafting rules and deadlines for introduced bills in the 2nd Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature. The comprehensive document shall require a majority vote of the appointed task force members for approval. In the event there is no comprehensive document approved by the task force, the chair and vice-chair shall, in writing, briefly report the reasons why the task force membership could not complete the study or reach an agreement for a comprehensive document. The chair and vice-chair may report jointly or separately and the reports shall be presented to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives not later than February 1, 2012.

D. The chair and vice-chair may agree to create committees or subcommittees as deemed appropriate to expedite and complete the analysis and study, and to write the comprehensive document in a timely manner. Any committee or subcommittee created shall be chaired by a task force member to be selected jointly by the chair and vice-chair. A selected committee or subcommittee chair may choose to add other persons as participants on his or her committee or subcommittee with consent of the chair and vice-chair; provided, added persons shall not become official task force members nor vote on any proposal except pertaining to their assigned committee or subcommittee work or proposals.

E. Task force members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives may receive travel reimbursements if approved by their respective appointing authority.

F. The task force shall conclude its study and terminate not later than February 1, 2012.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of May, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

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