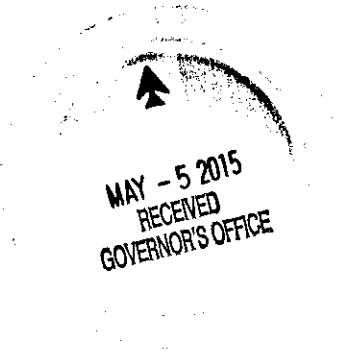


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3 By Representative Harper  
4 RFD: Rules  
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,  
3 ESTABLISHING AN ALABAMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE STUDY  
4 COMMISSION.  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
7 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That there is established the  
8 Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission.

9 (a) The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Study Commission  
10 (AABSC) shall be composed of the following members:

11 (1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or  
12 his or her designee.

13 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate or his  
14 or her designee.

15 (3) The Chair of the Senate Tourism Committee or his  
16 or her designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the  
17 commission.

18 (4) The Chair of the House Economic Development and  
19 Tourism Committee or his or her designee, who shall serve as  
20 co-chair of the commission.

21 (5) The Chair of the Senate Finance and Taxation,  
22 General Fund Committee.

23 (6) The Chair of the House Ways and Means General  
24 Fund Committee.

1           (7) One member of the Senate and one member of the  
2 House of Representatives, who shall be members of the minority  
3 party, to be selected by the co-chairs of the commission.

4           (8) A representative of the Alabama Alcoholic  
5 Beverage Control Board (ABC) appointed by the board.

6           (b) The Alabama Law Institute shall serve as the  
7 primary resource for researching, compiling information, and  
8 drafting the recommended changes to the Code of Alabama for  
9 the commission. The research will include the examination of  
10 other state's alcoholic beverage laws and shall include public  
11 input and briefings from all sectors of the alcoholic beverage  
12 industry.

13           (c) The goal of the commission is to examine and  
14 determine if Alabama's alcoholic beverage laws related to the  
15 manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages are  
16 congruent, competitive, and consistent with the alcoholic  
17 beverage industry related laws from across the United States.

18           (d) The commission shall be charged with the  
19 following duties and responsibilities:

20           (1) Upon adjournment of the 2015 Regular Legislative  
21 Session, the commission shall schedule three public hearings,  
22 one each to be held in the Cities of Huntsville, Birmingham,  
23 and Mobile. The public hearings shall be held for the  
24 commission to receive input from the public and from

1 individuals and businesses involved in the manufacturing,  
2 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverage products.

3 (2) The commission shall visit two states deemed by  
4 the commission to have the most responsible and progressive  
5 alcoholic beverage laws in the United States. The commission  
6 shall interview state agencies in those states that are  
7 responsible for the enforcement and manufacturing,  
8 distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages in those states.

9 (3) The commission shall publish its findings and  
10 proposals for amending the laws of Alabama by December 31,  
11 2015, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

12 (e) The privatization of state-owned ABC stores are  
13 specifically excluded from the AABSC study and any subsequent  
14 legislative recommendations.

15 (f) Upon request of the co-chairs, the Secretary of  
16 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
17 provide necessary clerical assistance for the work of the  
18 commission. Each legislative member of the commission shall be  
19 entitled to his or her regular legislative compensation, per  
20 diem, and travel expenses for each day he or she attends a  
21 meeting of the commission in accordance with Amendment 871 of  
22 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901. These payments shall be  
23 paid out of any funds appropriated to the use of the  
24 Legislature.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

*Kay Ivey*

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
and was adopted by the House 28-APR-15.

Jeff Woodard  
Clerk

Senate

30-APR-15

Adopted

**APPROVED**

May 11, 2015

**TIME**

8:15 AM

*[Handwritten Signature: Robert Bentley]*

**GOVERNOR**

Alabama Secretary Of State

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COMMITTEE OF RULES COMMITTEE

This resolution having been referred by  
the House to its standing committee on  
      RULES       was acted upon  
by such committee in session, and  
returned therefrom to the House with  
the recommendation that it be adopted.

Mac Miller Chairman

This resolution was referred to the Standing  
Committee of the Senate on Rules  
and was acted upon by such committee in  
Session and by order of the committee  
returned therefrom with a Favorable report  
by a vote of Yeas   V   Nays    Abs     
this   30   day of   April  , 20  15  

W. W. Wagoner  
Chairperson