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AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR CERTAIN LICENSED ENTITIES TO CONDUCT TASTINGS OF BEER, WINE, CIDER AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS ON LICENSED PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION OF TASTING EVENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Liquor Control Act is enacted to read:

"TASTING PERMIT--FEES.--

A. The director is authorized to issue a tasting permit to a licensed dispenser, retailer, resident manufacturer, nonresident manufacturer, wholesaler or winegrower or an agent of any such licensed entity to conduct tastings of wine, beer, cider or spirituous liquor on a licensed premises in accordance with rules promulgated by the director to protect public health and safety. A person serving wine, beer, cider or spirituous liquor at a tasting event permitted pursuant to this section shall have a server permit.

B. To apply for a tasting permit, the holder of a license described in Subsection A of this section shall submit to the department a tasting permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) and such information as the director may

1 require. A tasting permit shall be valid for one year from
2 the date that it is issued and may be renewed upon
3 application to the department and payment of the tasting
4 permit fee of one hundred dollars (\$100). A person permitted
5 to hold tastings pursuant to this section shall notify the
6 director no less than forty-eight hours before a tasting
7 event of the person's intent to hold the event. Notification
8 shall include the times and locations of, and the types of
9 products to be included in, the tasting event. Upon receipt
10 of notification, the director shall forward the notice to the
11 appropriate staff member of the special investigations
12 division of the department of public safety."

13 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
14 provisions of this act is July 1, 2013. _____

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