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SENATE BILL 334

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Manny M Aragon

AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES; REQUIRING CERTAIN
LICENSEES TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THEIR LIQUOR DEPARTMENT THROUGH
A SEPARATE EXTERIOR DOOR.

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:

" NEW MATERIAL RETAIL SALES--SEPARATE ENTRANCE--
SEPARATION FROM GENERAL MERCHANDISE. --

A. Beginning July 1, 1999, a general merchandise
store that also sells alcoholic beverages in unbroken
packages, pursuant to a retailer's or dispenser's license
issued pursuant to the Liquor Control Act, and that has
general merchandise and alcoholic beverage display areas that
when combined equal or exceed twenty thousand square feet,

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1 shall provide public access to its alcoholic beverage package
2 sales area through doors that open to the exterior of the
3 store. The alcoholic beverage sales area shall be separated
4 from the area from which general merchandise is sold by floor
5 to ceiling walls. Access may be available for the public to
6 enter the alcoholic beverage sales area from the general
7 merchandise sales area of the store. The entire transaction
8 involved in the sale of alcoholic beverages in unbroken
9 packages shall be made within the area where alcoholic
10 beverages are sold.

11 B. For purposes of this section, "general
12 merchandise" means any merchandise that is not an alcoholic
13 beverage and includes groceries."

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March 1, 1999

Mr. President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, line 2, before "doors" insert "only".
2. On page 2, line 2, after "exterior" insert "or within the interior".,

and further recommends that it now be referred to the CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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The roll call vote was 3 For 2 Against

Yes: 3

No: Ingle, Leavell

Excused: Boi tano, Howes, Stockard, Smi th

Absent: None

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