

1 HOUSE BILL 482

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES; CHANGING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
12 LICENSES THAT CAN BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 60-6A-2 AND
13 60-6A-3 NMSA 1978 (BEING LAWS 1981, CHAPTER 39, SECTIONS 19 AND
14 20).

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

17 SECTION 1. Section 60-6A-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981,
18 Chapter 39, Section 35, as amended) is amended to read:

19 "60-6A-18. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF LICENSES--
20 EXCEPTIONS.--

21 A. The maximum number of licenses to be issued
22 under the provisions of Sections 60-6A-2 and 60-6A-3 NMSA 1978
23 shall be as follows:

24 (1) in incorporated municipalities, not more
25 than one dispenser's or one retailer's license, including

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1 canopy licenses [~~which~~] that are replaced by dispenser's
2 licenses as provided in Section 60-6B-16 NMSA 1978, for each
3 [~~two~~] one thousand inhabitants or major fraction thereof; and

4 (2) in unincorporated areas of each county,
5 not more than one dispenser's or one retailer's license,
6 including canopy licenses [~~which~~] that are replaced by
7 dispenser's licenses as provided in Section 60-6B-16 NMSA 1978,
8 for each [~~two~~] one thousand inhabitants or major fraction
9 thereof, excluding the population of incorporated
10 municipalities within the county.

11 B. For the purpose of this section, the number of
12 inhabitants of a local option district shall be determined by
13 annual population estimates published by the economic
14 development department.

15 C. Subsection A of this section shall not be
16 construed to prevent [~~any~~] a licensee holding a valid license
17 issued under the Liquor Control Act, or [~~his~~] the licensee's
18 transferee, from continuing the licensed business or from
19 renewing [~~his~~] the license, subject to compliance with the
20 Liquor Control Act and department regulations, notwithstanding
21 that the continuance or renewal may result in an excess over
22 the maximum number of licenses permitted in Subsection A of
23 this section."

24 **SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**--The effective date of the
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019.

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