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SENATE BILL 182

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
2000**

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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, 2000, 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,  
shall provide public access to its alcoholic beverage package

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1 sales area through doors that open to the exterior of the  
2 store. The alcoholic beverage sales area shall be separated  
3 from the area from which general merchandise is sold by floor  
4 to ceiling walls. The entire transaction involved in the  
5 sale of alcoholic beverages in unbroken packages shall be  
6 made within the area where alcoholic beverages are sold.

7 B. For purposes of this section, "general  
8 merchandise" means any merchandise that is not an alcoholic  
9 beverage and includes groceries."

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