

AN ACT

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING THAT ALL FACILITIES ON THE NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS ARE GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.

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

Section 1. Section 60-6A-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 39, Section 27, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-6A-10. GOVERNMENTAL LICENSE. - -

A. Except as provided in Subsection G of this section, a governmental entity may sell alcoholic beverages directly or through its lessee at a governmental facility if the governing body applies to the director for a governmental license. The governmental entity and its lessee shall be subject to all state laws and regulations governing dispensers.

B. A governmental license may be leased to a qualified lessee and may only be used by the lessee for his operation during events authorized by the governmental entity at the governmental facility designated on the governmental license. The governmental entity and its lessee shall not sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises.

C. Each governmental entity holding a

governmental license shall annually and not less than sixty days prior to the date for renewal of its license submit to the director documentary proof that its lessee is fully qualified to be a lessee of a governmental license. If the director finds that the lessee is qualified to lease a governmental license, the director shall renew the license for an additional period of one year. If the director determines that the proof is inadequate, he shall notify the governing body of his decision and shall conduct a hearing as provided by law. If the director finds that the lessee does not qualify and the governmental entity does not change its lessee, the director shall revoke the license.

D. The provisions of Section 60-6A-18 NMSA 1978 shall not apply to governmental licenses.

E. For the purposes of this section:

(1) "governmental entity" means a municipality, a county or state fair which is held for less than ten days per year, the New Mexico state fair commission or a state university;

(2) "governmental facility" means locations on property owned or operated by a governmental entity and includes county fairs, state fairs held for less than ten days per year, convention centers, airports, civic centers, auditoriums, all facilities on the New Mexico state fairgrounds, facilities used for athletic competitions, golf

courses, including golf courses required to be used for municipal purposes notwithstanding that there may be an existing club license at the same location operated by the same club licensee, and other facilities used for cultural or artistic performances, but the term does not include tennis facilities; and

(3) "lessee" means an individual, corporation, partnership, firm or association if it fulfills the requirements set forth in Subsections A through D of Section 60-6B-2 NMSA 1978.

F. The provisions of Section 60-6B-10 NMSA 1978 as regards to golf courses owned by a governmental entity and civic centers owned and operated by a governmental entity shall not apply to governmental licenses.

G. A governmental entity that sells alcoholic beverages directly or indirectly through a lessee at a governmental facility that is a golf course required to be used for municipal purposes may only sell beer and wine."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2002. _____