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on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to the  
state policy with regard to alcoholic beverages

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY,  
DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 2 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended  
2     by chapter 111 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 2. Policy of state and purpose of chapter. It is hereby declared as  
4     the policy of the state that it is necessary to regulate and control the  
5     manufacture, sale and distribution within the state of alcoholic beverages  
6     for the purpose of fostering and promoting temperance in their  
7     consumption and respect for and obedience to law[.]; FOR THE PRIMARY  
8     PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
9     STATE, PROMOTING TEMPERANCE IN THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;  
10    AND, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, SUPPORTING ECONOMIC GROWTH, JOB DEVELOP-  
11    MENT, AND THE STATE'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCTION INDUSTRIES AND ITS  
12    TOURISM AND RECREATION INDUSTRY; AND WHICH PROMOTES THE CONSERVATION AND  
13    ENHANCEMENT OF STATE AGRICULTURAL LANDS; PROVIDED THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES  
14    DO NOT CONFLICT WITH THE PRIMARY REGULATORY OBJECTIVES OF THIS CHAPTER.  
15    It is hereby declared that such [policy] POLICIES will best be carried  
16    out by empowering the liquor authority of the state to determine whether  
17    public convenience and advantage will be promoted by the issuance of  
18    licenses to traffic in alcoholic beverages, the increase or decrease in  
19    the number thereof and the location of premises licensed thereby,  
20    subject only to the right of judicial review [hereinafter] provided for  
21    IN THIS CHAPTER. It is the purpose of this chapter to carry out [that  
22    policy] THESE POLICIES in the public interest. [The restrictions, regu-  
23    lations and provisions contained in this chapter are enacted by the  
24    legislature for the protection, health, welfare and safety of the people  
25    of the state.]  
26    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
27    it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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