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AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to  
enacting the state liquor authority license application modernization  
act; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing  
the state liquor authority license modernization fund

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "state  
2     liquor authority license application modernization act".  
3     S 2. The alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new  
4     section 110-c to read as follows:  
5     S 110-C. PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS. 1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE FILING OF AN  
6     APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THIS  
7     CHAPTER, ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE APPLICANT, OR  
8     HIS OR HER ATTORNEY OR OTHER DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING ALL  
9     NOTICES AND REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL MATERIAL SUBMISSIONS, SHALL BE TRAN-  
10    SMITTED BY ELECTRONIC METHODS INCLUDING AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM,  
11    ONLINE RESPONSE FORMS, ATTACHMENTS AND EMAIL TEXT. AS USED IN THIS  
12    SECTION, "ELECTRONIC METHODS" MEANS BY USE OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. AN  
13    APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE MAY BE SUBMITTED BY MAILING A PAPER COPY OF  
14    THE APPLICATION TO THE AUTHORITY.  
15    2. (A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP AN INTERACTIVE ELECTRONIC STATUS OF  
16    APPLICATION PROGRESS SYSTEM AND DATABASE (E-SAP) WHICH SHALL TRACK THE  
17    PROGRESS OF EACH APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS  
18    CHAPTER. EACH APPLICATION SHALL BE ENTERED INTO E-SAP WITHIN TWO WEEKS  
19    OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE APPLICATION BY THE AUTHORITY. THE DATE OF ACCEPT-  
20    ANCE OF THE APPLICATION TO BE POSTED ON E-SAP SHALL BE THE DATE IT WAS  
21    ELECTRONICALLY RECEIVED OR THE DATE WHEN THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY  
22    POSTAL MAIL. ALL POSTAL MAIL APPLICATIONS MUST BE DATE STAMPED THE DAY  
23    IT WAS RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY.

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

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(B) A LINK TO E-SAP SHALL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE AND SHALL PROVIDE APPLICANTS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS AND REPRESENTATIVES WITH SECURE ACCESS TO THE E-SAP DATABASE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE APPLICANT'S APPLICATION. SUCH INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE STATUS OF EACH APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE CURRENT STAGE OF THE REVIEW PROCESS, THE DATES UPON WHICH PREVIOUS STEPS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS WERE COMPLETED AND AN ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW PROCESS;

(II) COPIES OF ALL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE APPLICANT OR HIS OR HER ATTORNEY OR REPRESENTATIVE;

(III) COPIES OF ALL NOTICES OF DEFICIENCIES OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION MATERIALS;

(IV) IF APPLICABLE, COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DENIAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; AND

(V) IF APPLICABLE, COPIES OF ALL TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT LICENSES GRANTED BY THE AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICATION, AND ALL RENEWALS OF SUCH LICENSES.

(C) E-SAP SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS OR HER APPLICATION AND TO SUBMIT SCANS OF OTHER ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS OF ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIALS REQUESTED BY THE AUTHORITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

3. ANY APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY, BUT WHO ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELF-CERTIFICATION PROCESS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUTH, ACCURACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF HIS OR HER APPLICATION MAY REQUEST THAT THE AUTHORITY CERTIFY THE APPLICATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE. UPON RECEIPT OF A LICENSE APPLICATION WITH A REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION AND PAYMENT OF THE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION FEES, THE AUTHORITY SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING THE TRUTH, ACCURACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION AND SHALL EITHER PROVIDE CERTIFICATION OR IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION.

4. THE AUTHORITY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE OPEN DATA NEW YORK WEBSITE DATA REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AS WELL AS INFORMATION, UPDATED WEEKLY, AS TO THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS AND THE EXPECTED PROCESSING TIMES FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS.

S 3. Section 125 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended to read as follows:

S 125. Disposition of moneys received for license fees. [The] 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION, THE moneys received for license fees provided for in this chapter shall be turned over by the liquor authority to the state comptroller. It shall be placed by the state comptroller in the fund derived from the proceeds of the taxes on liquor, wine and beer provided for in article eighteen of the tax law and become a part thereof and be subject to all of the provisions of law relating to such fund.

2. ALL MONEYS RECEIVED FOR LICENSE FEES FOR TEMPORARY PERMITS OR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PERMITS AS PROVIDED IN THIS CHAPTER AND FOR AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION FEES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TEN-C OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE TURNED OVER BY THE LIQUOR AUTHORITY TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND SHALL BE PLACED BY THE STATE COMPTROLLER IN THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSE MODERNIZATION FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-TWO-O OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW.

1 S 4. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-o to  
2 read as follows:

3 S 92-O. STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSE MODERNIZATION FUND. 1. THERE  
4 IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE JOINT CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
5 STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY AND THE STATE COMPTROLLER A SPECIAL FUND TO BE  
6 KNOWN AS THE "STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSE MODERNIZATION FUND". THE  
7 MONEYS IN SUCH FUND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF ANY AND ALL COSTS  
8 AND EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE STATE  
9 LIQUOR AUTHORITY'S ELECTRONIC STATUS OF APPLICATION PROGRESS SYSTEM AND  
10 DATABASE AND PROVIDING ENHANCED LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS PROCEDURES  
11 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TEN-C OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
12 CONTROL LAW, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE  
13 HIRING BY THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

14 2. MONEYS IN THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSE MODERNIZATION FUND  
15 SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATELY FROM AND SHALL NOT BE COMMINGLED WITH ANY OTHER  
16 MONEYS IN THE JOINT OR SOLE CUSTODY OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER OR THE  
17 COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY.

18 3. THE STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY LICENSE MODERNIZATION FUND SHALL CONSIST  
19 OF THE REVENUES REQUIRED TO BE DEPOSITED THEREIN PURSUANT TO THE  
20 PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE OF THE  
21 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW AND ALL OTHER MONEYS CREDITED OR TRANS-  
22 FERRED THERETO FROM ANY OTHER FUND OR SOURCE PURSUANT TO LAW.

23 4. THE MONEYS IN SUCH FUND SHALL BE PAID OUT ON THE AUDIT AND WARRANT  
24 OF THE COMPTROLLER ON VOUCHERS APPROVED AND CERTIFIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF  
25 THE STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD.

26 S 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
27 have become a law.