IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Schimminger) -- (at request of the Governor) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law and the executive law, in relation to a reorganization of the alcoholic beverage control law

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

Section 1. Section 10 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

- S 10. State liquor authority. There shall continue to be in the executive department an alcoholic beverage control division, the head of which shall be the state liquor authority [which] WHOSE MEMBERS shall consist of [three members, who shall be known as commissioners] A CHAIR-MAN AND TWO COMMISSIONERS, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the state. [The state alcoholic beverage control board created and appointed pursuant to chapter one hundred eighty of the laws of nineteen hundred thirty-three, as presently constituted, shall continue in existence and hereafter shall be known and designated as the state liquor authority.] The terms "state alcoholic beverage control board", "state board", "liquor authority", or "authority", wherever occurring in any of the provisions of this chapter or of any other law, or in any official books, records, instruments, rules or papers, shall hereafter mean and refer to the state liquor authority provided for in this section.
- S 2. Section 14 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:
- S 14. Vacancies; quorum. 1. In the event of a vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal or disability of any [member] COMMISSIONER, the vacancy shall be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for the unexpired term.
- 24 2. (A) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH, RESIGNATION, 25 REMOVAL, OR DISABILITY OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED BY 26 THE GOVERNOR BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE

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

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UNEXPIRED TERM. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE 3 AS ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE, WHICHEVER COMES 5 FIRST. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIX MONTH TERM, IF THE GOVERNOR HAS 6 NOMINATED A SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN, BUT THE SENATE HAS NOT ACTED UPON THE 7 NOMINATION, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS OR UNTIL THE GOVERNOR'S SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN NOMINATION IS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. 9

- (B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE DESIGNATION OF A COMMISSIONER AS ACTING CHAIRMAN.
- (C) IF (I) THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT NOMINATED A SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIX MONTH TERM OR (II) THE SENATE DOES NOT CONFIRM THE GOVERNOR'S SUCCESSOR NOMINATION WITHIN THE ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS, THE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED AS ACTING CHAIRMAN SHALL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN AND THE GOVERNOR IS PROHIBITED FROM EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THAT ACTING CHAIRMAN OR FROM DESIGNATING ANOTHER COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN.
- (D) A COMMISSIONER SERVING AS THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE DEEMED A STATE OFFICER FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.
- 3. A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business thereof and a majority vote of all the members in office shall be necessary for action. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED AS AN ACTING CHAIRMAN PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE VOTE FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY.
- S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 17 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by section 2 of chapter 355 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 3. To revoke, cancel or suspend for cause any license or permit issued under this chapter and/or to impose a civil penalty for cause against any holder of a license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter. civil penalty so imposed shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars as against the holder of any retail permit issued pursuant to sections ninety-five, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine-d, and paragraph f of subdivision one of section ninety-nine-b of this chapter, and as against the holder of any retail license issued pursuant to sections [fifty-two,] fifty-three-a, fifty-four, fifty-four-a, fiftyfive, fifty-five-a, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, seventy-six-f, seventy-nine, eighty-one and eighty-one-a this chapter, and the sum of thirty thousand dollars as against the holder of a license issued pursuant to sections fifty-three, SIXTY-ONE-A, SIXTY-ONE-B, seventy-six, seventy-six-a, and seventy-eight of this chapter, provided that the civil penalty against the holder of a wholesale license issued pursuant to section fifty-three of this chapter shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars where that licensee violates provisions of this chapter during the course of the sale of beer at retail to a person for consumption at home, and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars as against the holder of any license issued pursuant to sections fifty-one, sixty-one, and sixty-two of this chapter. Any civil penalty so imposed shall be in addition to and separate and apart from the terms and provisions of the bond required pursuant to section one hundred twelve of this chapter. Provided that no appeal

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pending on the imposition of such civil penalty, in the event such civil penalty imposed by the division remains unpaid, in whole or in part, 3 more than forty-five days after written demand for payment has been sent by first class mail to the address of the licensed premises, a notice of impending default judgment shall be sent by first class mail to the licensed premises and by first class mail to the last known home address 5 6 7 of the person who signed the most recent license application. 8 notice of impending default judgment shall advise the licensee: (a) that 9 a civil penalty was imposed on the licensee; (b) the date the penalty 10 was imposed; (c) the amount of the civil penalty; (d) the amount of the 11 civil penalty that remains unpaid as of the date of the notice; (e) the violations for which the civil penalty was imposed; and (f) that a judg-12 ment by default will be entered in the supreme court of the county 13 14 which the licensed premises are located, or other court of civil juris-15 diction or any other place provided for the entry of civil judgments within the state of New York unless the division receives full payment 16 17 of all civil penalties due within twenty days of the date of the notice 18 impending default judgment. If full payment shall not have been 19 received by the division within thirty days of mailing of the notice of impending default judgment, the division shall proceed to enter with 20 21 such court a statement of the default judgment containing the amount of 22 the penalty or penalties remaining due and unpaid, along with proof of mailing of the notice of impending default judgment. The filing of such 23 judgment shall have the full force and effect of a default judgment duly 24 25 docketed with such court pursuant to the civil practice law and rules 26 and shall in all respects be governed by that chapter and may be 27 enforced in the same manner and with the same effect as that provided by in respect to execution issued against property upon judgments of a 28 29 court of record. A judgment entered pursuant to this subdivision 30 remain in full force and effect for eight years notwithstanding any other provision of law. 31 32

- S 4. Subdivision 3 of section 17 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by section 3 of chapter 355 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- 34 35 3. To revoke, cancel or suspend for cause any license or permit issued under this chapter and/or to impose a civil penalty for cause against 36 37 any holder of a license or permit issued pursuant to this chapter. Any 38 civil penalty so imposed shall not exceed the sum of ten 39 dollars as against the holder of any retail permit issued pursuant to 40 sections ninety-five, ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine-d, paragraph f of subdivision one of section ninety-nine-b of this chapter, 41 and as against the holder of any retail license issued pursuant to 42 43 sections [fifty-two,] fifty-three-a, fifty-four, fifty-four-a, fifty-44 five, fifty-five-a, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, 45 sixty-four-c, seventy-six-f, seventy-nine, eighty-one, and eighty-one-a of this chapter, and the sum of thirty thousand dollars as against the 46 47 holder license issued pursuant to sections fifty-three, 48 SIXTY-ONE-A, SIXTY-ONE-B, seventy-six, seventy-six-a and seventy-eight 49 of this chapter, provided that the civil penalty against the holder of a 50 wholesale license issued pursuant to section fifty-three of this chapter 51 shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars where that licensee violates provisions of this chapter during the course of the 52 at retail to a person for consumption at home, and the sum of one 53 hundred thousand dollars as against the holder of any license issued 54 pursuant to sections fifty-one, sixty-one and sixty-two of this chapter. Any civil penalty so imposed shall be in addition to and separate and 56

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- S 5. The alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding two new sections 61-a and 61-b to read as follows:
- S 61-A. COMBINED CRAFT MANUFACTURING LICENSE. 1. THE AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE A COMBINED CRAFT MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE TO A PERSON FOR THE PURPOSES OF ARTICLES FOUR, FOUR-A, FIVE AND SIX OF THIS CHAPTER, COMBINING THE PRIVILEGES OF TWO OR MORE FARM OR MICRO MANUFACTURING LICENSES FOR USE AT ONE PREMISES.
- 2. THE LICENSE FEE FOR THE COMBINED LICENSE SHALL EQUAL THE SUM OF THE LICENSE FEES FOR EACH OF THE LICENSES INCLUDED IN THE COMBINED LICENSE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY ONE FILING FEE SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR ANY COMBINED LICENSE.
- 3. THE LICENSE CERTIFICATE OF THE COMBINED LICENSE SHALL SET FORTH THE LICENSES THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE COMBINED LICENSE.
- COMBINED FARM MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE MAY COMBINE TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSES: FARM BREWERY; MICRO-BREWERY; FARM CIDERY; FARM MICRO-DISTILLERY; MICRO-RECTIFIER; AND FARM DISTILLERY. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THELICENSED PREMISES FOR Α COMBINED MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE THATINCLUDES A FARM WINERY LICENSE MUST BE LOCATED ON A FARM.
- S 61-B. IMPORTER'S LICENSE. AN IMPORTER'S LICENSE SHALL AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER THEREOF TO IMPORT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INTO THIS STATE AND SELL SUCH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO LICENSED WHOLESALERS AUTHORIZED TO SELL SUCH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

S 6. Subdivision 4 of section 63 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 603 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

- 4. No licensee under this section shall be engaged in any other business on the licensed premises. The sale of lottery tickets, when duly authorized and lawfully conducted, the sale of corkscrews or the sale of ice or the sale of publications, including prerecorded video and/or audio cassette tapes, designed to help educate consumers in their knowledge and appreciation of wine and wine products, as defined in section three of this chapter, or the sale of non-carbonated, non-flavored mineral waters, spring waters and drinking waters or the sale of glasses designed for the consumption of wine, racks designed for the storage of wine, and devices designed to minimize oxidation in bottles of wine which have been uncorked, OR THE SALE OF GIFT BAGS, GIFT BOXES, OR WRAPPING, FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AT THE LICENSED PREMISES shall not constitute engaging in another business within the meaning of this subdivision.
- S 7. Section 66 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:
- 3-A. THE ANNUAL FEE FOR AN IMPORTER'S LICENSE SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.
- S 8. Subdivision 1 of section 93 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended to read as follows:
- 1. No individual shall offer for sale or solicit any order in the state for the sale of any alcoholic beverage irrespective of whether such sale is to be made within or without the state, unless such person shall have a solicitor's permit. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SOLICITING ORDERS ON BEHALF OF A MICRO-BREWERY, FARM BREWERY, FARM CIDERY, FARM WINERY, MICRO-FARM WINERY, MICRO-DISTILLERY, MICRO-RECTIFIER, OR FARM DISTILLERY LICENSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
- S 9. Subdivision 4 of section 93 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by section 12 of part Z of chapter 85 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:
- 4. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, any duly licensed manufacturer or wholesaler may apply to the liquor authority for an annual temporary solicitor's employment permit. Such permit shall authorize such manufacturer or wholesaler to employ one or more persons as a solicitor for a period of not exceeding [sixty consecutive working days] SIX MONTHS provided that within [thirty] SIXTY days after such employee has been employed as a solicitor such employee shall file his application for a solicitor's permit with the liquor authority. The license fee for such permit shall be thirty-eight dollars per year, or for any part thereof, and the permit shall be issued for the calendar year. Such permit and the exercise of the privileges hereby granted thereunder, shall be subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the liquor authority.
- S 10. The alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new section 99-h to read as follows:
- S 99-H. SUNDAY ON-PREMISES SALES PERMIT. 1. A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL AUTHORIZE A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ON SUNDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF EIGHT O'CLOCK A.M. AND TEN O'CLOCK A.M.
 - 2. A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED FOR ONE CALENDAR DAY.

3. THE FEE FOR SUCH A PERMIT SHALL BE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, TOGETHER WITH A FILING FEE OF TEN DOLLARS.

- 4. AN APPLICANT FOR A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OF SUCH APPLICATION AS PROVIDED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED TEN-B OF THIS CHAPTER.
- 5. NO MORE THAN TWELVE PERMITS UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE ISSUED TO THE SAME LICENSEE IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR.
- 6. A PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY LICENSED PREMISES LOCATED IN A CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE.
- 7. SUCH PERMIT AND THE EXERCISE OF THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED THEREUNDER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SUCH RULES THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY DEEM NECESSARY.
- S 11. Subdivisions 5 and 11 of section 105 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 503 of the laws of 1984, subdivision 5 as separately amended by chapter 628 of the laws of 1984, are amended to read as follows:
- 5. No retail licensee of liquor and/or wine for off-premises consumption shall keep upon the licensed premises any liquors and/or wines in any cask, barrel, keg, hogshead or other container, except in the original sealed package, as received from the manufacturer or wholesaler. Such containers shall have affixed thereto such labels as may be required by the rules of the liquor authority, together with all necessary federal revenue and New York state excise tax stamps, as required by law. Such containers shall not be opened nor its contents consumed on the premises where sold, except for the purpose of wine tasting or sampling by any person pursuant to authorization to conduct such a sampling or tasting pursuant to subdivision [two] THREE of section seventy-six of this chapter except those to whom sales are prohibited in section sixty-five of this chapter. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A LICENSED WINERY OR FARM WINERY FROM SELLING OR DELIVERING WINE TO A CONSUMER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN A CONTAIN-ER NOT TO EXCEED FOUR LITERS IN CAPACITY THAT SHALL HAVE A TEMPORARILY SECURED SEAL FOR PURPOSES OF REMOVING THE WINE FROM THE PREMISES.
- 11. No retail licensee of liquor and/or wine for off-premises consumption shall keep or permit to be kept upon the licensed premises, any liquors and/or wines in any unsealed bottle or other unsealed container, except for the purpose of wine tasting or sampling by any person pursuant to authorization to conduct such a sampling or tasting pursuant to subdivision [two] THREE of section seventy-six of this chapter except those to whom sales are prohibited in section sixty-five of this chapter. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A LICENSED WINERY OR FARM WINERY FROM SELLING OR DELIVERING WINE TO A CONSUMER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN A CONTAINER NOT TO EXCEED FOUR LITERS IN CAPACITY THAT SHALL HAVE A TEMPORARILY SECURED SEAL FOR PURPOSES OF REMOVING THE WINE FROM THE PREMISES.
- S 12. Subdivision 3 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 106 of the alcoholic beverage control law, paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, are amended to read as follows:
- 3. No retail licensee for on-premises consumption shall sell, deliver or give away, or cause or permit or procure to be sold, delivered or given away any liquors and/or wines for consumption off the premises where sold. The PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A LICENSED WINERY OR FARM WINERY FROM ALLOWING A PATRON TO LEAVE THE WINERY OR FARM WINERY WITH A PARTIALLY CONSUMED BOTTLE OF WINE PROVIDED THAT THE REMOVAL OF THE BOTTLE IS DONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION EIGHTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

(a) Sunday, from four ante meridiem to [twelve noon] TEN O'CLOCK A.M., EXCEPT PURSUANT TO A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SECTION NINETY-NINE-H OF THIS CHAPTER.

- S 13. Section 108 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 419 of the laws of 1950, is amended to read as follows:
- S 108. Restrictions upon licensees. 1. No licensee except the holder of a [brewer's or distiller's license or a winery] license TO MANUFACTURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES shall keep or permit to be kept or consumed on the licensed premises any alcoholic beverage except the alcoholic beverages which he is permitted to sell under the terms of the license issued to him.
- 2. THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON HOLDING A RETAIL ON-PREMISES LICENSE AND A RETAIL OFF-PREMISES BEER OR BEER AND WINE PRODUCTS LICENSE FOR AN ADJACENT PREMISES TO TRANSPORT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THROUGH SUCH OFF-PREMISES LOCATION TO SUPPLY SUCH ADJACENT ON-PREMISES LOCATION.
- S 14. Section 112 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 335 of the laws of 1944, and as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- S 112. Bonds of licensees and permittees. The liquor authority may require the licensees and permittees of one or more of the kinds or classes described in this chapter to file with it a bond to the people of the state of New York issued by a surety company, approved by the superintendent of financial services as to solvency and responsibility and authorized to transact business in this state, in such penal sum as liquor authority may heretofore have prescribed or hereafter shall prescribe, conditioned that such licensee or permittee will not suffer permit any violation of the provisions of this chapter and that all fines and penalties which shall accrue, during the time the license or permit shall be in effect, will be paid, together with all costs taxed or allowed in any action or proceeding brought or instituted for a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter. A suit to recover on any bond filed pursuant to chapter one hundred eighty of the laws of nineteen hundred thirty-three or this chapter may be brought by the liquor authority or on relation of any party aggrieved, in a court of competent jurisdiction and in the event that the obligor named bond has violated any of the conditions of such bond, recovery for the penal sum of such bond may be had in favor of the people of the PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, NO BOND NOTWITHSTANDING THE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE HOLDER OF A SOLICITOR'S PERMIT ISSUED SECTION NINETY-THREE OF THIS CHAPTER.
- S 15. Section 118 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:
- 5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, A SUSPENSION IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE HOLDER OF A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER SECTION SIXTY-ONE-A OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL ONLY SUSPEND THE LICENSED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE TYPE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION RESULTING IN THE SUSPENSION.
- S 16. The opening paragraph of section 270 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

The head of the alcoholic beverage control division shall be the state liquor authority [which] WHOSE MEMBERS shall consist of [three members, who shall be known as commissioners] A CHAIRMAN AND TWO COMMISSIONERS, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and

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consent of the senate[, and one of whom shall be designated as chairman by the governor].

- S 17. Section 273 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:
- S 273. Vacancies; quorum. (A) In the event of a vacancy caused by death, resignation, removal or disability of [any member] A COMMISSIONER, the vacancy shall be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for the unexpired term.
- (B) IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY CAUSED BY THE DEATH, RESIGNATION, REMOVAL OR DISABILITY OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED BY FILLED BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE GOVERNOR BY UNEXPIRED TERM. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE, WHICHEVER FIRST. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIX MONTH TERM, IF THE GOVERNOR HAS NOMINATED A SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN, BUT THE SENATE HAS NOT ACTED UPON NOMINATION, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN CAN CONTINUE TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS OR UNTIL THE GOVERNOR'S SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN NOMINATION IS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
- (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE DESIGNATION OF A COMMISSIONER AS ACTING CHAIRMAN.
- (D) IF (I) THE GOVERNOR HAS NOT NOMINATED A SUCCESSOR CHAIRMAN UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE SIX MONTH TERM OR (II) THE SENATE DOES NOT CONFIRM THE GOVERNOR'S SUCCESSOR NOMINATION WITHIN THE ADDITIONAL NINETY DAYS, THE COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED AS ACTING CHAIRMAN SHALL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN AND THE GOVERNOR IS PROHIBITED FROM EXTENDING THE POWERS OF THAT ACTING CHAIRMAN OR FROM DESIGNATING ANOTHER COMMISSIONER TO SERVE AS ACTING CHAIRMAN.
- (E) A COMMISSIONER SERVING AS THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE DEEMED A STATE OFFICER FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION SEVENTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.
- (F) A majority of the members of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business thereof and a majority vote of all the members in office shall be necessary for action. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT A COMMISSIONER DESIGNATED AS AN ACTING CHAIRMAN PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION FOURTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE VOTE FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY.
- S 18. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that section twelve of this act shall take effect immediately; provided, further, that the amendments to section 17 of the alcoholic beverage control law made by section three of this act shall be subject to the expiration and reversion of such section pursuant to section 4 of chapter 118 of the laws of 2012, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section four of this act shall take effect; and further provided that sections six and thirteen of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed three years after such effective date.