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1	DRAMSHOP MODIFICATIONS
2	2000 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard
5	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; REQUIRING ALCOHOLIC
6	BEVERAGE LICENSEES TO CARRY DRAMSHOP INSURANCE COVERAGE
7	CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING CAPS; AMENDING THE DRAMSHOP LIABILITY LAW
8	TO CLARIFY TYPES OF RECOVERY; EXCLUDING THE APPLICATION OF THE
9	LIABILITY REFORM ACT; ADDRESSING THE CAP ON RECOVERY; AND MAKING
10	TECHNICAL CHANGES.
11	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
12	AMENDS:
13	32A-4-102, as last amended by Chapter 132, Laws of Utah 1991
14	32A-4-202, as last amended by Chapter 132, Laws of Utah 1991
15	32A-5-102, as last amended by Chapter 132, Laws of Utah 1991
16	32A-10-202, as last amended by Chapter 282, Laws of Utah 1998
17	ENACTS:
18	32A-14a-101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
19	32A-14a-103 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
20	RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:
21	32A-14a-102, (Renumbered from 32A-14-101, as last amended by Chapters 94 and 375,
22	Laws of Utah 1997)
23	32A-14a-104, (Renumbered from 32A-14-102, as renumbered and amended by Chapter
24	23, Laws of Utah 1990)
25	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
26	Section 1. Section 32A-4-102 is amended to read:
27	32A-4-102. Application and renewal requirements.

28 (1) A person seeking a restaurant liquor license under this chapter shall file a written 29 application with the department, in a form prescribed by the department. It shall be accompanied 30 by: 31 (a) a nonrefundable \$300 application fee; 32 (b) an initial license fee of \$300, which is refundable if a license is not granted; 33 (c) written consent of the local authority; 34 (d) a copy of the applicant's current business license; 35 (e) evidence of proximity to any public or private school, church, public library, public 36 playground, or park, and if the proximity is within the 600 foot or 200 foot limitation of 37 Subsections 32A-4-101(4), (5), and (6), the application shall be processed in accordance with 38 those subsections; 39 (f) a bond as specified by Section 32A-4-105; 40 (g) a floor plan of the restaurant, including consumption areas and the area where the 41 applicant proposes to keep, store, and sell liquor; (h) evidence that the restaurant is carrying public liability insurance in an amount and form 42 43 satisfactory to the department; 44 (i) evidence that the restaurant is carrying dramshop insurance coverage of at least 45 [\$100,000] \$500,000 per occurrence and [\$300,000] \$1,000,000 in the aggregate; 46 (j) a signed consent form stating that the restaurant will permit any authorized 47 representative of the commission, department, council, or any law enforcement officer unrestricted right to enter the restaurant; 48 49 (k) in the case of a corporate applicant, proper verification evidencing that the person or 50 persons signing the restaurant application are authorized to so act on the corporation's behalf; and 51 (1) any other information the commission or department may require. 52 (2) All restaurant liquor licenses expire on October 31 of each year. Persons desiring to 53 renew their restaurant liquor license shall submit a renewal fee of \$300 and a completed renewal 54 application to the department no later than September 30. Failure to meet the renewal 55 requirements shall result in an automatic forfeiture of the license effective on the date the existing 56 license expires. Renewal applications shall be in a form as prescribed by the department. 57 (3) If any restaurant liquor licensee does not immediately notify the department of any 58 change in ownership of the restaurant, or in the case of a Utah corporate owner of any change in

59 the corporate officers or directors, the commission may suspend or revoke that license. 60 Section 2. Section 32A-4-202 is amended to read: 61 32A-4-202. Application and renewal requirements. 62 (1) A person seeking an airport lounge liquor license under this part shall file a written 63 application with the department, in a form prescribed by the department, accompanied by: 64 (a) a nonrefundable \$1,000 application fee; 65 (b) an initial license fee of \$1,000, which is refundable if a license is not granted; (c) written consent of the local and airport authority; 66 67 (d) a copy of the applicant's current business license; 68 (e) a bond as specified by Section 32A-4-205; 69 (f) a floor plan of the airport lounge, including consumption areas and the area where the 70 applicant proposes to keep, store, and sell liquor; 71 (g) a copy of the sign proposed to be used by the licensee on its premises to inform the 72 public that alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed there; 73 (h) evidence that the airport lounge is carrying public liability insurance in an amount and 74 form satisfactory to the department: 75 (i) evidence that the airport lounge is carrying dramshop insurance coverage of at least 76 [\$100.000] \$500.000 per occurrence and [\$300.000] \$1.000.000 in the aggregate; 77 (i) a signed consent form stating that the airport lounge will permit any authorized 78 representative of the commission, department, council, or any law enforcement officer unrestricted 79 right to enter the airport lounge; 80 (k) in the case of a corporate applicant, proper verification evidencing that the person or persons signing the airport lounge application are authorized to so act on the corporation's behalf; 81 82 and 83 (1) any other information the commission or department may require. 84 (2) All airport lounge liquor licenses expire on October 31 of each year. Persons desiring 85 to renew their airport lounge liquor license shall submit a renewal fee of \$1,000 and a completed 86 renewal application to the department no later than September 30. Failure to meet the renewal 87 requirements shall result in an automatic forfeiture of the license, effective on the date the existing 88 license expires. Renewal applications shall be in a form as prescribed by the department. 89 (3) If any airport liquor licensee does not immediately notify the department of any change

90 in ownership of the licensee, or in the case of a Utah corporate owner of any change in the 91 corporate officers or directors, the commission may suspend or revoke that license. 92 Section 3. Section 32A-5-102 is amended to read: 93 32A-5-102. Application and renewal requirements. (1) A person seeking a private club liquor license under this chapter shall file a written 94 95 application with the department, in the name of an officer or director of a corporation, in a form 96 prescribed by the department. It shall be accompanied by: 97 (a) a nonrefundable \$1,000 application fee: 98 (b) an initial license fee of \$750, which is refundable if a license is not granted; 99 (c) written consent of the local authority: 100 (d) a copy of the applicant's current business license: 101 (e) evidence that the applicant is a corporation or association organized under the Utah 102 Nonprofit Corporation and Cooperative Association Act, and is in good standing; 103 (f) evidence of proximity to any public or private school, church, public library, public 104 playground, or park, and if the proximity is within the 600 foot or 200 foot limitations of 105 Subsections 32A-5-101(5), (6), and (7), the application shall be processed in accordance with those 106 subsections; 107 (g) evidence that the applicant operates a club where a variety of food is prepared and 108 served in connection with dining accommodations; 109 (h) a bond as specified by Section 32A-5-106; 110 (i) a floor plan of the club premises, including consumption areas and the area where the applicant proposes to keep and store liquor: 111 (i) evidence that the club is carrying public liability insurance in an amount and form 112 113 satisfactory to the department; 114 (k) evidence that the club is carrying dramshop insurance coverage of at least [\$100,000] 115 500.000 per occurrence and [300.000] 1.000.000 in the aggregate: 116 (1) a copy of the club's articles, bylaws, house rules, and any amendments to those 117 documents, which shall be kept on file with the department at all times; 118 (m) a signed consent form stating that the club and its management will permit any 119 authorized representative of the commission, department, council, or any law enforcement officer 120 unrestricted right to enter the club premises;

121 (n) a signed consent form authorizing the department to obtain Internal Revenue Service 122 tax information on the club; 123 (o) a signed consent form authorizing the department to obtain state and county real and 124 personal property tax information on the club; 125 (p) profit and loss statements for the previous fiscal year and pro forma statements for one 126 year if the applicant has not previously operated; and 127 (q) any other information, documents, and evidence the department may require by rule or policy to allow complete evaluation of the application. 128 129 (2) (a) Each application shall be signed and verified by oath or affirmation by an executive 130 officer or any person specifically authorized by the corporation or association to sign the 131 application, to which shall be attached written evidence of said authority. 132 (b) The applicant may attach to the application a verified copy of a letter of exemption 133 from federal tax, issued by the United States Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, 134 which the commission may consider as evidence of the applicant's nonprofit status. The 135 commission may also consider the fact that the licensee has lost its tax exemption from federal tax 136 as evidence that the licensee has ceased to operate as a nonprofit corporation. 137 (3) (a) The commission may refuse to issue a license if it determines that any provisions 138 of the club's articles, bylaws, house rules, or amendments to any of those documents are not 139 reasonable and consistent with the declared nature and purpose of the applicant and the purposes of this chapter. 140 141 (b) Club bylaws shall include provisions respecting the following: 142 (i) standards of eligibility for members; 143 (ii) limitation of members, consistent with the nature and purpose of the corporation or 144 association; 145 (iii) the period for which dues are paid, and the date upon which the period expires; 146 (iv) provisions for dropping members for the nonpayment of dues or other cause; and 147 (v) provisions for guests or visitors, if any, and for the issuance and use of visitor cards. 148 (4) All private club liquor licenses expire on June 30 of each year. Persons desiring to 149 renew their private club liquor license shall submit a renewal fee of \$750 and a completed renewal 150 application to the department no later than May 31. Failure to meet the renewal requirements shall 151 result in an automatic forfeiture of the license effective on the date the existing license expires.

152 Renewal applications shall be in a form as prescribed by the department. 153 Section 4. Section 32A-10-202 is amended to read: 154 32A-10-202. Application and renewal requirements. 155 (1) A person seeking an on-premise beer retailer license under this chapter shall file a 156 written application with the department, in a form prescribed by the department. It shall be 157 accompanied by: 158 (a) a nonrefundable \$300 application fee; 159 (b) an initial license fee of \$100, which is refundable if a license is not granted; 160 (c) written consent of the local authority or a license to sell beer at retail for on-premise 161 consumption granted by the local authority under Section 32A-10-101; 162 (d) a copy of the applicant's current business license; 163 (e) for applications made on or after July 1, 1991, evidence of proximity to any public or 164 private school, church, public library, public playground, or park, and if the proximity is within 165 the 600 foot or 200 foot limitation of Subsections 32A-10-201(3), (4), and (5), the application shall 166 be processed in accordance with those subsections; 167 (f) a bond as specified by Section 32A-10-205: 168 (g) a floor plan of the premises, including consumption areas and the area where the 169 applicant proposes to keep, store, and sell beer; 170 (h) evidence that the on-premise beer retailer licensee is carrying public liability insurance 171 in an amount and form satisfactory to the department; 172 (i) for those licensees that sell more than \$5,000 of beer annually, evidence that the 173 on-premise beer retailer licensee is carrying dramshop insurance coverage of at least [\$100,000] 174 \$500,000 per occurrence and [\$300,000] \$1,000,000 in the aggregate; 175 (i) a signed consent form stating that the on-premise beer retailer licensee will permit any 176 authorized representative of the commission, department, council, or any peace officer unrestricted 177 right to enter the licensee premises: 178 (k) in the case of a corporate applicant, proper verification evidencing that the person or 179 persons signing the on-premise beer retailer licensee application are authorized to so act on the 180 corporation's behalf; and 181 (1) any other information the department may require. 182

(2) All on-premise beer retailer licenses expire on the last day of February of each year,

183	except that all on-premise beer retailer licenses obtained before the last day of February 1991
184	expire on the last day of February 1992. Persons desiring to renew their on-premise beer retailer
185	license shall submit a renewal fee of \$100 and a completed renewal application to the department
186	no later than January 31. Failure to meet the renewal requirements shall result in an automatic
187	forfeiture of the license, effective on the date the existing license expires. Renewal applications
188	shall be in a form as prescribed by the department.
189	(3) If any beer retailer licensee does not immediately notify the department of any change
190	in ownership of the beer retailer, or in the case of a Utah corporate owner of any change in the
191	officers or directors, the commission may suspend or revoke that license.
192	(4) If the applicant is a county, municipality, or other political subdivision, it need not meet
193	the requirements of Subsections (1)(a), (b), (c), (d), and (f).
194	(5) Only one state on-premise beer retailer license is required for each building or resort
195	facility owned or leased by the same applicant. Separate licenses are not required for each retail
196	beer dispensing outlet located in the same building or on the same resort premises owned or
197	operated by the same applicant.
198	Section 5. Section 32A-14a-101 is enacted to read:
199	CHAPTER 14a. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LIABILITY
200	<u>32A-14a-101.</u> Definitions.
201	As used in this chapter:
202	(1) "Death of a third person" includes recovery for all damages, special and general,
203	resulting from such death, except punitive damages.
204	(2) (a) "Injury" includes injury in person, property, or means of support.
205	(b) "Injury" also includes recovery for intangibles such as mental and emotional injuries,
206	loss of affection, and companionship.
207	Section 6. Section 32A-14a-102 , which is renumbered from Section 32A-14-101 is
208	renumbered and amended to read:
209	[32A-14-101]. <u>32A-14a-102.</u> Liability for injuries resulting from distribution
210	of alcoholic beverages Causes of action Statute of limitations Employee protections.
211	(1) (a) Except as provided in [Subsection (9)] Section 32A-14a-103, a person described
212	in Subsection (1)(b) is liable for:
213	(i) [an] any and all injury [in person, property, or means of support] and damage, except

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214	punitive damages to:
215	(A) any third person; or
216	(B) the heir, as defined in Section 78-11-6.5, of that third person; or
217	(ii) for the death of a third person.
218	(b) A person is liable under Subsection (1)(a) if:
219	(i) the person directly gives, sells, or otherwise provides an alcoholic beverage:
220	(A) to a person described in Subsection (1)(b)(ii); and
221	(B) as part of the commercial sale, storage, service, manufacture, distribution, or
222	consumption of alcoholic products;
223	(ii) those actions cause the intoxication of:
224	(A) any individual under the age of 21 years;
225	(B) any individual who is apparently under the influence of intoxicating alcoholic products
226	or drugs;
227	(C) any individual whom the person furnishing the alcoholic beverage knew or should
228	have known from the circumstances was under the influence of intoxicating alcoholic beverages
229	or products or drugs; or
230	(D) any individual who is a known interdicted person; and
231	(iii) the injury or death described in Subsection (1)(a) results from the intoxication of the
232	individual who is provided the alcoholic beverage.
233	(2) (a) A person 21 years of age or older who is described in Subsection (2)(b) is liable for:
234	(i) [an] any and all injury [in person, property, or means of support] and damage, except
235	punitive damages to:
236	(A) any third person; or
237	(B) the heir, as defined in Section 78-11-6.5, of that third person; or
238	(ii) for the death of the third person.
239	(b) A person is liable under Subsection (2)(a) if:
240	(i) that person directly gives or otherwise provides an alcoholic beverage to an individual
241	who the person knows or should have known is under the age of 21 years;
242	(ii) those actions caused the intoxication of the individual provided the alcoholic beverage;
243	(iii) the injury or death described in Subsection (2)(a) results from the intoxication of the
244	individual who is provided the alcoholic beverage; and

(iv) the person is not liable under Subsection (1), because the person did not directly give
or provide the alcoholic beverage as part of the commercial sale, storage, service, manufacture,
distribution, or consumption of alcoholic products.

(3) Except for a violation of Subsection (2), an employer is liable for the actions of itsemployees in violation of this chapter.

(4) A person who suffers an injury under Subsection (1) or (2) has a cause of action against
the person who provided the alcoholic beverage in violation of Subsection (1) or (2).

(5) If a person having rights or liabilities under this chapter dies, the rights or liabilitiesprovided by this chapter survive to or against that person's estate.

(6) The total amount [of damages] that may be awarded to any person pursuant to a cause
of action for injury and damage under this chapter that arises after January 1, 1998, is limited to
\$500,000 and the aggregate amount which may be awarded to all persons injured as a result of one
occurrence is limited to \$1,000,000.

(7) An action based upon a cause of action under this chapter shall be commenced withintwo years after the date of the injury.

(8) (a) Nothing in this chapter precludes any cause of action or additional recovery against
 the person causing the injury.

[(9) (a) An employer may not sanction or terminate the employment of an employee of a
 restaurant, airport lounge, private club, on-premise beer retailer, or any other establishment serving
 alcoholic beverages as a result of the employee having exercised the employee's independent
 judgment to refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to any person the employee considers to meet one
 or more of the conditions described in Subsection (1).]

267 [(b) Any employer who terminates an employee or imposes sanctions on the employee
 268 contrary to this section is considered to have discriminated against that employee and is subject
 269 to the conditions and penalties set forth in Title 34A, Chapter 5, Utah Antidiscrimination Act.]

(b) Any cause of action or additional recovery against the person causing the injury, which
 action is not brought under this chapter:

(i) is exempt from the damage cap in Subsection (6); and

273 (ii) (A) is exempt from the comparative negligence provisions of Sections 78-27-37

274 through 78-27-43; and

275 (B) may not be used to reduce or impact an award of damages to persons recovering under

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276	a cause of action under this chapter.
277	[(10)] (9) This section does not apply to a general food store or other establishment
278	licensed under Chapter 10, Part 1, to sell beer at retail for off-premise consumption.
279	Section 7. Section 32A-14a-103 is enacted to read:
280	32A-14a-103. Employee protected in exercising judgment.
281	(1) An employer may not sanction or terminate the employment of an employee of a
282	restaurant, airport lounge, private club, on-premise beer retailer, or any other establishment serving
283	alcoholic beverages as a result of the employee having exercised the employee's independent
284	judgment to refuse to sell alcoholic beverages to any person the employee considers to meet one
285	or more of the conditions described in Subsection 32A-14a-102(1).
286	(2) Any employer who terminates an employee or imposes sanctions on the employee
287	contrary to this section is considered to have discriminated against that employee and is subject
288	to the conditions and penalties set forth in Title 34A, Chapter 5, Utah Antidiscrimination Act.
289	Section 8. Section 32A-14a-104 , which is renumbered from Section 32A-14-102 is
290	renumbered and amended to read:
291	[32A-14-102]. <u>32A-14a-104.</u> Governmental immunity.
292	No provision of this title creates any civil liability on the part of the state or its agencies
293	and employees, the commission, the department, or any political subdivision arising out of their
294	activities in regulating, controlling, authorizing, or otherwise being involved in the sale or other
295	distribution of alcoholic beverages.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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