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SYNOPSIS

Existing law requires businesses that sell alcoholic beverages to train their employees under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's Responsible Vendor Program. The law further provides that the course of instruction and test may be given online.

This bill would further implement the law by directing the board to adopt rules that recognize and enable vendors to conduct the program online. This bill provides that an employee who scores 70 percent or higher on the test has successfully completed the course.

This bill further provides that if the board fails to adopt the rules within four months of the bill's enactment, the board will lose its authorization to operate retail liquor stores.

This bill would also delete duplicative language and make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED



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29 AN ACT

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31 Relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; to
32 amend Section 28-10-6, Code of Alabama 1975, to further
33 provide for the Responsible Vendor Program by setting a
34 passing grade for vendor employees who are tested on program
35 course material; to implement vendor training and testing
36 online by establishing a deadline for the Alcoholic Beverage
37 Control Board to adopt rules for online training and testing;
38 to revoke the authority of the board to operate any liquor
39 stores for failure to adopt the rules; and to make
40 nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing
41 code language to current style.

42 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

43 Section 1. Section 28-10-6, Code of Alabama 1975, is
44 amended to read as follows:

45 "§28-10-6

46 (a) In order to qualify for certification, the vendor
47 shall comply with the following requirements:

48 (1) Provide a course of instruction for its employees
49 approved by the board which shall include subjects dealing
50 with alcoholic beverages as follows:

51 a. Laws regarding ~~the sale of alcoholic beverages for~~
52 ~~on-the-premises consumption and/or for off-the-premises sale~~
53 for on-premises or off-premises consumption.

54 b. Methods of recognizing ~~and dealing with~~ underage
55 customers.

56 c. ~~The development of specific procedures~~Procedures for



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57 refusing sale ~~to sell alcoholic beverages~~ to underage
58 customers, ~~;~~ ~~for assisting employees in~~ dealing with underage
59 customers, ~~;~~ and ~~for dealing with~~ handling intoxicated
60 customers.

61 (2) Require each employee who is authorized to sell
62 alcoholic beverages in the normal course of his or her
63 employment to complete the employee ~~training~~ course of
64 instruction set out in subdivision (1) and to achieve a
65 passing grade of 70 percent or higher on a test of the course
66 subjects within 30 days of commencing employment. ~~Responsible~~
67 ~~vendor training or testing may be conducted online by~~
68 ~~computer, in a classroom, or by live trainers. Any online~~
69 ~~training must include employee testing to pass. Nothing in~~
70 ~~this subdivision shall be construed to require an in-person~~
71 ~~test administrator or proctor.~~

72 (3) Require all trained employees to attend additional
73 meetings at least semiannually or ~~such other schedule of~~
74 meetings on another periodic basis as may be approved by the
75 board, by rule, which meetings shall include the ~~dissemination~~
76 ~~of existing and new information~~ presentation of additional
77 information covering the applicable subjects specified in this
78 section and ~~explaining~~ an explanation of the vendor's policies
79 and procedures relating to those subjects.

80 (4) Maintain ~~employment~~ records of the training of its
81 employees required by this section. ~~The records,~~ which may be
82 ~~maintained~~ kept in a digital format, provided the records
83 ~~may~~ can be produced within 48 hours at the request of the
84 board.



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85 (5) Post signs on the vendor's premises informing
86 customers of the vendor's policy against selling alcoholic
87 beverages to ~~underaged persons~~underage customers.

88 (b) (1) Responsible vendor training and testing may be
89 conducted online by computer or in person by instructors.

90 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
91 require the following:

92 a. The presence of an administrator or proctor during
93 testing, whether online or in person.

94 b. Post-testing review of the subjects covered on the
95 examination.

96 (c) (1) No later than 120 days from the effective date
97 of this act, the board shall certify rules consistent with the
98 requirements of this act, including rules providing for both
99 the presentation of the course of instruction and testing
100 online by vendors.

101 (2) If the board fails to certify rules by the 120th
102 day from the effective date of this act as required under
103 subdivision (1), the board may no longer operate any liquor
104 store as defined in Section 28-3-1."

105 Section 2. This act shall become effective
106 immediately.