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Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I thank you for the opportunity to appear here today to present testimony on SB 275.

ABC supports the passage of SB 275. Under current law, anyone engaged in the business of selling alcoholic liquor at wholesale, or the taking or soliciting of orders for the sale of alcoholic liquor, except employees of a retailer operating on the retailer's licensed premises, must acquire a salesperson's permit. The application fee for a salesperson's permit is \$10.

There are approximately 2100 salesperson's permits issued currently. Each application for a salesperson's permit costs the department at least \$10 to process.

In discussions with the industry, neither ABC nor the industry could name any compelling reason to issue or require salesperson's permits. The application and issuance of these permits is burdensome to both industry members and the department and serves no compelling state interest.

ABC therefore requests the committee vote favorably to remove this unnecessary burden and move this bill to the Senate as a whole for a vote on the floor.

Thank you for considering our proposal.