By: Hancock S.B. No. 955

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the rates of the taxes imposed on the first sale of ale,
- 3 malt liquor, and beer; reducing a tax rate.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 201.42, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 201.42. TAX ON ALE AND MALT LIQUOR. A tax is imposed on
- 8 the first sale of ale and malt liquor at the <u>same</u> rate <u>imposed on</u>
- 9 beer under Section 203.01 [of \$0.198 per gallon].
- 10 SECTION 2. Section 203.01, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is
- 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 Sec. 203.01. TAX ON BEER. A tax is imposed on the first sale
- 13 of beer manufactured in this state or imported into this state at
- 14 the rate of \$0.193548 per gallon [six dollars per barrel].
- 15 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act does not
- 16 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this
- 17 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been
- 18 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the
- 19 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of
- 20 the liability for those taxes.
- 21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.