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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Serodio, Amore, and Noret

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Small Business

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 3-7-14 and 3-7-14.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled  
2 "Retail Licenses" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **3-7-14. Class F license.**

4           (a) A retailer's Class F license authorizes the holder of the license to keep for sale and to  
5 sell malt and vinous beverages on the premises, described in the license, at retail for consumption  
6 on the premises where sold for a period of nineteen (19) hours, including Sunday. The license  
7 may be issued to religious organizations, state ~~non-business~~ corporations, limited liability  
8 companies (LLCs), sole proprietorships and political organizations only and the sale of malt and  
9 vinous beverages may take place between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and one o'clock  
10 (1:00) a.m. on the following day, provided that no more than twelve (12) licenses shall be issued  
11 to any organization, corporation, LLC, sole proprietorship or political organization in any one  
12 calendar year; and provided further that, as to each such entity, this limit of twelve (12) licenses  
13 per calendar year shall apply collectively to such entity and its officers, directors, principals,  
14 affiliates, employees and agents. Class F licenses shall not be granted to any person or entity  
15 holding any other liquor license. The fee for each retailer's Class F license is fifteen dollars  
16 (\$15.00).

17           (b) The issuing authority may, in its discretion, permit applicants to file a single annual  
18 application for issuance of up to twelve (12) event licenses for a calendar year and the authority  
19 may issue such licenses concurrently; provided that, each event license shall state the specific

1 event date with which it is associated; and provided further that, the applicant shall pay the  
2 collective amount of the event license fees, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) multiplied by the number of  
3 licenses issued, at the time of issuance.

4 **3-7-14.1. Class F-1 license.**

5 (a) A retailer's Class F-1 license authorizes the holder of the license to keep for sale and  
6 to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises, described in the license, at retail for consumption on  
7 the premises where sold for a period of nineteen (19) hours, including Sunday. The license may  
8 be issued to religious organizations, state ~~non-business~~ corporations, limited liability companies  
9 (LLCs), sole proprietorships and political organizations only and the sale of beverages may take  
10 place between the hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and one o'clock (1:00) a.m. on the following  
11 day; provided that, no more than twelve (12) licenses shall be issued to any organization,  
12 corporation, LLC, sole proprietorship or political organization in any one calendar year; and  
13 provided further, that as to each such entity, this limit of twelve (12) licenses per calendar year  
14 shall apply collectively to such entity and its officers, directors, principals, affiliates, employees  
15 and agents. Class F-1 licenses shall not be granted to any person or entity holding any other liquor  
16 license.

17 (b) The fee for the license is thirty-five dollars (\$35.00.)

18 (c) The issuing authority may, in its discretion, permit applicants to file a single annual  
19 application for issuance of up to twelve (12) event licenses for a calendar year and the authority  
20 may issue such licenses concurrently; provided that, each event license shall state the specific  
21 event date with which it is associated; and provided further that, the applicant shall pay the  
22 collective amount of the event license fees, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) multiplied by the number  
23 of licenses issued, at the time of issuance.

24 (d) Class F and F-1 license holders shall purchase alcohol for resale from Class A license  
25 holders only.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would provide that class F and F-1 liquor licenses may be issued to corporations,
- 2   LLCs, sole proprietorships and political organizations for sale and service of alcoholic beverages
- 3   for a period of nineteen (19) hours.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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