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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Cardillo, Fellela, Costantino, Batista, and Perez

Date Introduced: February 15, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-14.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-14.2. Class P licenses -- Caterers.**

4 (a) A caterer licensed by the department of health and the division of taxation shall be  
5 eligible to apply for a Class P license from the department of business regulation. The department  
6 of business regulation is authorized to issue all caterers' licenses. The license will be valid  
7 throughout this state as a state license and no further license will be required or tax imposed by any  
8 city or town upon this alcoholic beverage privilege. Each caterer to which the license is issued shall  
9 pay to the department of business regulation an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the  
10 license, and one dollar (\$1.00) for each duplicate of the license, which fees are paid into the state  
11 treasury. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for implementation of  
12 this license. In promulgating said rules, the department shall include, but is not limited to, the  
13 following standards:

14 (1) Proper identification will be required for individuals who look thirty (30) years old or  
15 younger and who are ordering alcoholic beverages;

16 (2) Only valid ID's as defined by these titles are acceptable;

17 (3) An individual may not be served more than two (2) drinks at a time;

18 (4) Licensee's, their agents, or employees will not serve visibly intoxicated individuals;

19 (5) Licensee's may only serve alcoholic beverages for no more than a five (5) hour period

1 per event;

2 (6) Only a licensee, or its employees, may serve alcoholic beverages at the event;

3 (7) The licensee will deliver and remove alcoholic beverages to the event; and

4 (8) No shots or triple alcoholic drinks will be served.

5 (b) Any bartender employed by the licensee shall be certified by a nationally recognized  
6 alcohol beverage server training program.

7 (c) The licensee shall purchase at retail or wholesale all alcoholic beverages from a licensed  
8 ~~Class A~~ alcohol retail or wholesale establishment which is located in the state, ~~provided, however,~~  
9 ~~any licensee who also holds a Class T license, issued pursuant to the provisions of § 3-7-7, shall be~~  
10 ~~allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale.~~ Wholesalers may refuse to fulfill orders  
11 permitted under this section, or may set minimum quantities or dollar values per order. Any person  
12 violating this section shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500) for this violation and shall be subject  
13 to license revocation. The provisions of this section shall be enforced in accordance with this title.

14 (d) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of  
15 not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Fines imposed under this section shall be paid to the  
16 department of business regulation.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from  
2 either a retail or wholesale establishment in the state of Rhode Island. Wholesalers may refuse to  
3 fulfill orders permitted under this section, or may set minimum quantities or dollar values per order.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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