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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF SALES

Introduced By: Senators Felag, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-8-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-8 entitled "Regulation of
2 Sales" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-8-1. Sales on Sundays and holidays -- Sales to underage persons, intoxicated**
4 **persons, and persons of intemperate habits. --** Licenses issued under this title shall not
5 authorize the sale or service of beverages on Sunday, nor on Christmas day excepting licensed
6 taverns, clubs, victualing houses, and retail Class F licensed places when served with food to
7 guests, and except in places operated under a retail Class E license described in this title, and
8 excepting the sale of wine or winery products at retail pursuant to section 3-6-1.1(e)(4) by holders
9 of farmer-winery licenses and the serving of complimentary samples pursuant to section 3-6-
10 1.1(g) by holders of farmer-winery licenses, except in cars or on passenger-carrying marine
11 vessels operated by holders of Class G licenses, and except as otherwise provided herein. The
12 department may limit the sale of beverages on passenger-carrying marine vessels to the hours
13 from twelve o'clock (12:00) p.m. to six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on those days; nor shall they authorize
14 the sale or delivery to any underage person as defined in this title for purposes of sale,
15 possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, either for his or her own use or for the use of
16 his or her parents, or of any other person; or the sale of beverages to any intoxicated persons or to
17 any person of notoriously intemperate habits. Places operating under a retail Class C license are
18 authorized to be open for the sale of alcoholic beverages upon Columbus day, Armistice day,
19 Victory day, provided however, that a local board of license may authorize places operating under

1 a Class C license to be open on New Year's day. A Class C licensee may serve beverages on
2 Sunday with the written approval of the local board of license, subject to the notice provisions of
3 section 3-5-17. Places operating under a retail Class A license are not authorized to be open for
4 the sale of alcoholic beverages upon Thanksgiving day and New Year's day. Provided, however,
5 that holders of Class A licenses may open from no earlier than twelve noon (12:00) p.m. to no
6 later than six o'clock (6:00) p.m. on Sundays, unless the following Monday is a holiday, in which
7 event the holders may remain open no later than nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. the prior Sunday.

8 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 Class A liquor licenses to remain open on Sundays until
- 2 9:00 p.m. if the following Monday is a holiday.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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