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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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A N A C T

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: May 03, 2012

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-16.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-16.3. Class T legitimate theater license.** -- (a) Legitimate theaters as defined in  
4 subsection (b) or subsection (c) may apply for a Class T license. The license authorizes the holder  
5 of the license to keep for sale and to sell beverages at retail in the place described in the license  
6 and to deliver those beverages for consumption on the premises where sold at the times when  
7 scheduled events relating to art, the legitimate theatre or community artistic experiences may be  
8 held on those premises and for a period of one hour prior to those events and one hour subsequent  
9 thereto, provided those events begin subsequent to twelve o'clock (12:00) noon. The licensed  
10 premises may contain a bar. A Class T license authorizes entertainment only in conformity with  
11 ordinances of the city or town where the facility is located on the licensed premises. Class T  
12 licenses shall only be issued by the local licensing authority.

13 (b) "Legitimate Theaters", for the purposes of this section, includes nonprofit, cultural  
14 organizations [and for profit historic theaters located in the city of Newport](#) whose primary  
15 purpose is to provide a support system to deliver and coordinate various arts activities for the  
16 benefit of the communities they serve or which provide live, regularly-scheduled theatrical  
17 productions on a regular basis throughout the year and all events contributing toward the goal of  
18 providing quality artistic experiences for the community.

19 (c) For purposes of this section, "legitimate theaters" shall also include facility

1 management corporations who are contractually authorized to manage buildings owned or under  
2 the authority of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority whose primary purpose is to  
3 provide a support system to deliver and coordinate various arts activities for the benefit of the  
4 communities they serve or which provide live, regularly scheduled theatrical productions on a  
5 regular basis throughout the year and all events contributing toward the goal of providing quality  
6 artistic experiences for the community.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would enable for profit historic theaters located in the city of Newport to apply
- 2 for a class T liquor license.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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