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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, J. Brien, McEntee, and Corvese

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House Small Business

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, which fees are paid into the state treasury. The department is authorized to promulgate
11 rules and regulations for the implementation of this license. In promulgating said rules, the
12 department shall include, but is not limited to, the following standards:

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

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

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

17 (4) Licensees, their agents, or employees will not serve visibly intoxicated individuals;

18 (5) Licensees may only serve alcoholic beverages for no more than a five-hour (5) period
19 per event;

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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 and allow wholesalers to
- 3 refuse to fulfill orders permitted under this section, or set minimum quantities or dollar values per
- 4 order. It would also permit caterers to serve and leave an event host's alcoholic beverages at their
- 5 residence so long as it is under the caterer's control for the entirety of the event.
- 6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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