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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, DiMario, Tikoian, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa,  
Mack, Acosta, and Kallman

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 3-7 of the General Laws entitled "Retail Licenses" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following section:

3           **3-7-30. Licensed retailers to provide drink covers upon request.**

4           (a)(1) All holders of retail licenses authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to customers  
5 for the purpose of onsite consumption shall upon request, provide a lid with a customer's drink.  
6 For purposes of this section, "lid" means a removable cover of any size that attaches to the rim of  
7 a corresponding beverage container. The lid is not required to fit all containers in which alcoholic  
8 beverages are served on the premises but shall fit at least one.

9           (2) A licensee subject to this subsection shall post the following notice in a prominent and  
10 conspicuous location:

11           "Drink lids available here. Ask a staff member for details."

12           (b) The licensee may charge an additional fee for providing a lid with a customer's drink,  
13 which shall not exceed a reasonable amount based on the wholesale cost of those lids.

14           (c) This section does not prevent a licensee from offering lids to their customers free of  
15 charge.

16           (d) A sole violation of this section, including the notice requirement in this section, shall  
17 result only in a warning by the department for the first offense.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to  
2 provide a lid to a consumer upon request, and further require the licensed retailer to conspicuously  
3 post the following notice “Drink lids available here. Ask a staff member for details.”

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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