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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Spears, and Boylan

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Small Business

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) All holders of retail licenses authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to customers for  
5 the purpose of onsite consumption shall upon request, provide a lid with a customer's drink. For  
6 purposes of this section, "lid" means a removable cover of any size that attaches to the rim of a  
7 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 (b) The licensee may charge an additional fee for providing a lid with a customer's drink,  
10 which shall not exceed a reasonable amount based on the wholesale cost of those lids.

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

13 (d) A sole violation of this section shall result in a warning by the department for the first  
14 offense.

15 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.

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

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