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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Carnevale, DeSimone, Hull, and Medina

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-19. Objection by adjoining property owners -- Proximity to schools and**  
4 **churches. --** (a) Retailers' Class B, C and I licenses under this chapter shall not be issued to  
5 authorize the sale of beverages in any building where the owner of the greater part of the land  
6 within two hundred feet (200') of any point of the building files with the body or official having  
7 jurisdiction to grant licenses his or her objection to the granting of the license, nor in any building  
8 within two hundred feet (200') of the premises of any public, private, or parochial school or a  
9 place of public worship. In the city of East Providence, retailer's Class A licenses shall not be  
10 issued to authorize the sale of beverages in any building within five hundred feet (500') of the  
11 premises of any public, private, or parochial school or a place of public worship.

12 (b) As used in this section, "private school" means any nonpublic institution of  
13 elementary or secondary (K-12th Grade) education, accredited or recognized as a private school  
14 by the department of elementary and secondary education or the school committee of the city or  
15 town having jurisdiction over private schools.

16 (c) This section shall not apply to any Class B or C license holder whose license was  
17 issued prior to January 1, 1978, nor shall this section apply to or constitute the basis of an  
18 objection to or disapproval of the transfer of a Class B or C license where the location of the  
19 licensed establishment predates the location of the public, private, or parochial school or place of

1 public worship.

2 (d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
3 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this  
4 section any proposed retailer Class B, C or I license intended to be located within the following  
5 described area(s) in the city of Providence:

6 (A) Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the southerly line of Smith  
7 Street and the easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95;

8 Thence running in a general southwesterly direction along the easterly taking line of  
9 Interstate Route 95 to the center line of Kingsley Avenue;

10 Thence turning and running northwesterly in part along the southerly line of Kingsley  
11 Avenue to its intersection with the southerly line of Harris Avenue;

12 Thence turning and running westerly along the southerly line of Harris Avenue to its  
13 intersection with the southerly line of Atwells Avenue;

14 Thence turning and running easterly along the southerly line of Atwells Avenue to the  
15 easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95;

16 Thence turning and running in a general southerly and southeasterly direction along the  
17 easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95 ~~to the center line of Pine Street;~~

18 ~~Thence turning and running northeasterly along the northerly taking line of I-195 to its~~  
19 ~~intersection with the northerly taking line of I-195;~~

20 ~~Thence turning and running northeasterly along the northerly taking line of I-195 to its~~  
21 ~~intersection with the westerly shore line of the Providence River;~~

22 ~~Thence turning and running northerly along the westerly shore line of the Providence~~  
23 ~~River to its intersection with the southerly line of Crawford Street;~~

24 ~~Thence running northwesterly across Dyer Street to the intersection of the westerly line~~  
25 ~~of Dyer Street to the southerly line of Custom House Street;~~

26 ~~Thence running northerly in part along the southerly line of Dyer Street and in part along~~  
27 ~~the westerly line of Market Square to its intersection with the westerly line of Canal Street;~~

28 Thence turning and running easterly along the northerly taking line of I-195 to its  
29 intersection with the westerly taking line of South Main Street;

30 Thence turning and running northerly along the westerly line of South Main Street to its  
31 intersection with the southerly line of College Street;

32 Thence running westerly on College Street to its intersection with the westerly taking line  
33 of Memorial Boulevard;

34 Thence turning and running northwesterly along Memorial Boulevard to its intersection

1 [with the northerly taking line of Steeple Street;](#)

2 [Thence turning and running northeasterly along Steeple Street to its intersection with the](#)  
3 [westerly taking line of Canal Street;](#)

4 Thence turning and running northerly along the westerly line of Canal Street to its  
5 intersection with the southerly line of Smith Street;

6 Thence turning and running westerly along the southerly line of Smith Street to the point  
7 and place of beginning.

8 (B) Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the westerly line of Brook  
9 Street and the northerly line of Wickenden Street;

10 Thence running in a general westerly direction along the northerly line of Wickenden  
11 Street to the intersection of Wickenden Street and Benefit Street;

12 Thence running in a general northerly direction along the easterly line of Benefit Street  
13 to the intersection of Benefit Street and Sheldon Street;

14 Thence turning and running in an easterly direction along the southerly line of Sheldon  
15 Street to the intersection of Sheldon Street and Brook Street;

16 Thence turning and running in a general southerly line to the intersection of Brook Street  
17 and Wickenden Street that being the point of beginning.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
19 Newport shall, after application, have authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any  
20 proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located within the following described area in the  
21 city of Newport:

22 Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the northerly line of Touro  
23 Street and the easterly line of Spring Street;

24 Thence running in a general easterly direction along the northerly line of Touro Street  
25 distance of sixty-two and one-tenth feet (62.1');

26 Thence turning and running northerly to the southerly line of Barney Street a distance of  
27 one-hundred four and two-tenths feet (104.2');

28 Thence turning and running westerly along the southerly line of Barney Street a distance  
29 of sixteen and five-tenths feet (16.5');

30 Thence turning and running southerly a distance of twenty-nine feet (29');

31 Thence turning and running southwestery to the easterly line of Spring Street, a distance  
32 of sixty-four feet (64');

33 Thence turning and running southerly along the easterly line of Spring Street a distance  
34 of fifty-six and eight-tenths feet (56.8') to the point and place of beginning.

1           (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of  
2 Warren shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
3 any proposed retailer Class B, C or I license intended to be located within any zoning district in  
4 the town of Warren which is designated as a limited business district or as a general business  
5 district pursuant to the zoning ordinance of the town of Warren.

6           (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of  
7 Bristol shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
8 any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on lot 34 of tax assessors plat 10 of  
9 the Bristol tax assessors map as of December 31, 1999.

10           (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses for the city of  
11 Newport shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
12 as to places of public worship any proposed sidewalk cafe as defined in the Codified Ordinance  
13 of the city of Newport, provided that the applicant be an existing holder of a Retailers' Class B  
14 license.

15           (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
16 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this  
17 section any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on lot 131 of tax assessors  
18 plat 68 of the Providence tax assessors map as of December 31, 1999 and any proposed retailer  
19 Class B license intended to be located on lot 21 of the tax assessors map plat 49 and any proposed  
20 retailer class BV license intended to be located on lots 3 and 5 of tax assessors map plat 35 of the  
21 Providence tax assessors map as of December 31, 2003.

22           (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
23 Cranston shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
24 any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on either lot 160 of tax assessor's plat  
25 9, and/or on lot 152 of tax assessor's plat 9, of the Cranston tax assessor's map as of December 31,  
26 2002; provided, however, as to the subsequent transfer of said Class B license issued by the city  
27 of Cranston under this exemption, whether said transfer is attributable to the holder's death or  
28 otherwise, any person desiring to become the potential transferee of said Class B license shall  
29 comply with those restrictions as to its use (and shall refrain from those activities which result in  
30 its reversion) set forth in the city of Cranston Memorandum of Understanding dated May 13,  
31 2003 and, in addition, those requirements applicable to anyone who desires to become a  
32 transferee of a validly issued and outstanding Class B license designated for use in any location in  
33 the State of Rhode Island. Neither the exemption granted herein nor any future exemption granted  
34 hereafter shall be effective until the proposed Class B license and the underlying property owner

1 is certified to be current in the payment of any and all local and state taxes.

2 (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
3 Pawtucket shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
4 any proposed retailer Class B, C or I license intended to be located within the following described  
5 area in the city of Pawtucket:

6 Beginning at the point of intersection of Dexter Street and the Central Falls line, then  
7 east along the Central Falls line to the Blackstone River, then north along the city boundary on  
8 the Blackstone River to the Cumberland line, then west along the Pawtucket city boundary line to  
9 I-95, then south along I-95 to Pine Street, then north on Pine Street to AMTRAK Right of Way,  
10 then northwest along the AMTRAK Right of Way to Dexter Street, then north on Dexter Street to  
11 the Central Falls line.

12 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the town council of the town of Little  
13 Compton, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section relating to  
14 places of worship any class B license limited to malt and vinous beverages intended to be located  
15 on Plat 30, Lot 33 of the town of Little Compton tax assessment map existing as of December 31,  
16 2004.

17 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of  
18 Bristol shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section  
19 any proposed retailers' Class B license intended to be located on lots 3, 18, and 19 of tax  
20 assessors plat 10 of the Bristol tax assessors map as of December 31, 2007.

21 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the town council of the town of  
22 Smithfield, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section, any class  
23 B, C or I license intended to be located on Plat 45, Lot 042 of the town of Smithfield, tax  
24 assessment map existing as of December 31, 2007.

25 (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
26 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this  
27 section any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on plat 13, lots 31 and 32 of  
28 the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

29 (13) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of  
30 Tiverton shall, after the application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this  
31 section a proposed retailer's Class BV license for a restaurant located on tax assessor's plat 181,  
32 lot 1A.

33 (14) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of  
34 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this

1 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on tax assessor's plat 68, lot  
2 732.

3 (15) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of  
4 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this  
5 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 105, lot 489 and plat  
6 105, lot 12 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would revise the legal description of one of the areas exempted from the
- 2 operation of this section to conform to the current boundaries of that area.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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