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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- THEATER LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

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.**

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

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would expand the definition of legitimate theaters to the town of Burrillville.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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