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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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A N A C T

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- THEATER LICENSES

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: February 08, 2021

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

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

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

19 (c) For purposes of this section, "legitimate theaters" shall also include facility management

1 corporations that are contractually authorized to manage buildings owned or under the authority of
2 the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority whose primary purpose is to provide a support
3 system to deliver and coordinate various arts activities for the benefit of the communities they serve
4 or that provide live, ~~regularly-scheduled~~ theatrical productions on a regular basis throughout the
5 year and all events contributing toward the goal of providing quality artistic experiences for the
6 community.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would expand the definition of legitimate theaters to extend beyond the city of
- 2 Newport and the town of Burrillville.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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