



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5149**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CAFE AND PACKAGE STORE PERMITTEES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-1 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 For the purposes of this chapter and section 2 of this act, unless the  
5 context indicates a different meaning:

6 (1) "Airline" means any (A) United States airline carrier holding a  
7 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil  
8 Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of  
9 1958, as amended from time to time, or (B) foreign flag carrier holding a  
10 permit under Section 402 of said act.

11 (2) "Alcohol" (A) means the product of distillation of any fermented  
12 liquid that is rectified at least once and regardless of such liquid's origin,  
13 and (B) includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered nonpotable.

14 (3) "Alcoholic beverage" and "alcoholic liquor" include the four  
15 varieties of liquor defined in subdivisions (2), (5), (20) and (21) of this  
16 section (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or solid,  
17 patented or unpatented, containing alcohol, beer, spirits or wine and at

18 least one-half of one per cent alcohol by volume, and capable of being  
19 consumed by a human being as a beverage. Any liquid or solid  
20 containing more than one of the four varieties so defined belongs to the  
21 variety which has the highest percentage of alcohol according to the  
22 following order: Alcohol, spirits, wine and beer, except as provided in  
23 subdivision (21) of this section.

24 (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is the  
25 proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or  
26 unincorporated, that is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic  
27 liquor and in which business a permittee is associated, whether as an  
28 agent, employee or part owner.

29 (5) "Beer" means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation  
30 of a decoction or infusion of barley, hops and malt in drinking water.

31 (6) "Boat" means any vessel that is (A) operating on any waterway of  
32 this state, and (B) engaged in transporting passengers for hire to or from  
33 any port of this state.

34 (7) "Case price" means the price of a container made of cardboard,  
35 wood or any other material and containing units of the same class and  
36 size of alcoholic liquor. A case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer,  
37 cocktails, cordials, prepared mixed drinks and wines, shall be in the  
38 quantity and number, or fewer, with the permission of the  
39 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of bottles or units as follows:  
40 (A) Six one thousand seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (B) six one  
41 thousand eight hundred milliliter bottles, (C) twelve seven hundred  
42 milliliter bottles, (D) twelve seven hundred twenty milliliter bottles, (E)  
43 twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (F) twelve nine hundred  
44 milliliter bottles, (G) twelve one liter bottles, (H) twenty-four three  
45 hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, (I) forty-eight two hundred  
46 milliliter bottles, (J) sixty one hundred milliliter bottles, or (K) one  
47 hundred twenty fifty milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter  
48 bottles may be in a quantity and number as originally configured,  
49 packaged and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to

50 shipment if the number of such bottles in such case is not greater than  
51 two hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize fewer quantities or  
52 numbers of bottles or units as specified in this subdivision for any one  
53 person or entity more than eight times in any calendar year. For the  
54 purposes of this subdivision, "class" has the same meaning as provided  
55 in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits and 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

56 (8) "Club" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-22aa.

57 (9) "Coliseum" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-33a.

58 (10) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission  
59 established under this chapter.

60 (11) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.

61 (12) "Dining room" means any room or rooms (A) located in premises  
62 operating under (i) a hotel permit issued under section 30-21, (ii) a  
63 restaurant permit issued under subsection (a) of section 30-22, (iii) a  
64 restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under subsection (b) of  
65 section 30-22, [or] (iv) a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, or (v) a  
66 cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act,  
67 and (B) where meals are customarily served to any member of the public  
68 who has means of payment and a proper demeanor.

69 (13) "Mead" means fermented honey (A) with or without additions or  
70 adjunct ingredients, and (B) regardless of (i) alcohol content, (ii) process,  
71 and (iii) whether such honey is carbonated, sparkling or still.

72 (14) "Minor" means any person who is younger than twenty-one  
73 years of age.

74 (15) "Noncommercial entity" means an academic institution,  
75 charitable organization, government organization, nonprofit  
76 organization or similar entity that is not primarily dedicated to  
77 obtaining a commercial advantage or monetary compensation.

78 (16) "Nonprofit club" has the same meaning as provided in section  
79 30-22aa.

80 (17) (A) "Person" means an individual, including, but not limited to,  
81 a partner.

82 (B) "Person" does not include a corporation, joint stock company,  
83 limited liability company or other association of individuals.

84 (18) (A) "Proprietor" includes all owners of a business or club,  
85 incorporated or unincorporated, that is engaged in manufacturing or  
86 selling alcoholic liquor, whether such owners are persons, fiduciaries,  
87 joint stock companies, stockholders of corporations or otherwise.

88 (B) "Proprietor" does not include any person who, or corporation that,  
89 is merely a creditor, whether as a bond holder, franchisor, landlord or  
90 note holder, of a business or club, incorporated or unincorporated, that  
91 is engaged in manufacturing or selling alcoholic liquor.

92 (19) "Restaurant" has the same meaning as provided in section 30-22.

93 (20) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol obtained by  
94 distillation mixed with drinkable water and other substances in  
95 solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.

96 (21) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by fermenting the  
97 natural sugar content of fruits, such as apples, grapes or other  
98 agricultural products, containing such sugar, including fortified wines  
99 such as port, sherry and champagne.

100 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes of this  
101 section:

102 (1) "Cafe" means a space that (A) is located in a suitable and  
103 permanent building, (B) is kept, used, maintained, advertised and held  
104 out to the public to be a place where alcoholic liquor and food are served  
105 at retail for consumption on the premises, (C) at all times has employed

106 therein an adequate number of employees, (D) does not include public  
107 sleeping accommodations, and (E) need not necessarily have a dining  
108 room or kitchen; and

109 (2) "Full course meal" means a diversified selection of food which (A)  
110 ordinarily cannot be consumed without the use of tableware, and (B)  
111 cannot be conveniently consumed while standing or walking.

112 (b) A cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall allow the retail sale of  
113 wine and beer, and of cider not exceeding six per cent of alcohol per  
114 volume, to be consumed on the permit premises of a cafe. The holder of  
115 a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall keep food available during  
116 the majority of the hours such permit premises are open under this  
117 subsection for sale to, and consumption by, customers on such permit  
118 premises. The availability of food from outside vendors located on or  
119 near the permit premises, delivered either directly by such outside  
120 vendors or indirectly through a third party, is sufficient to satisfy such  
121 requirement. The permit premises shall at all times comply with all  
122 regulations of the local department of health. Nothing in this section  
123 shall be construed to require that any food be sold or purchased with  
124 any wine, beer or cider, and no rule, regulation or standard shall be  
125 promulgated or enforced to require that sales of food be substantial or  
126 that the business's receipts from sales of wine, beer and cider equal any  
127 set percentage of total receipts from all sales made on the permit  
128 premises. A cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall allow, with the  
129 Department of Consumer Protection's prior approval and if allowed  
130 under fire, zoning and health regulations, wine, beer and cider to be  
131 served at tables in outside areas that are screened or not screened from  
132 public view. If fire, zoning or health regulations do not require that such  
133 areas be enclosed by a fence or wall, the department shall not require  
134 that such areas be so enclosed. No such fence or wall shall be less than  
135 thirty inches high. A cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall also  
136 authorize the sale, at retail from the permit premises for consumption  
137 off the permit premises, of sealed containers supplied by the permittee  
138 of wine and draught beer. Such sales shall be conducted only during the

139 hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the  
140 provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91 of the general statutes, as  
141 amended by this act. Not more than one hundred ninety-six ounces of  
142 such beer shall be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of  
143 alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of  
144 section 30-91 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The annual  
145 fee for a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall be one thousand  
146 dollars.

147 (c) A cafe customer may remove one previously unsealed bottle of  
148 wine from the permit premises of a cafe, provided:

149 (1) The customer purchased a full course meal for consumption on  
150 such permit premises;

151 (2) The bottle of wine was unsealed on such permit premises for  
152 consumption with such full course meal on such permit premises;

153 (3) The customer consumed a portion of the wine contained within  
154 such unsealed bottle on such permit premises;

155 (4) The permittee, or the permittee's agent or employee, securely seals  
156 such bottle of wine and places such bottle of wine in a bag before such  
157 bottle of wine is removed from such permit premises; and

158 (5) Such bottle of wine is consumed off such permit premises.

159 (d) A cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued pursuant to this  
160 section shall allow those additional permissible uses specified in a  
161 caterer liquor permit established in section 30-37j of the general statutes  
162 without an additional fee, but subject to compliance with the provisions  
163 of said section.

164 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342 of the 2024 supplement to the  
165 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
166 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

167 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-40q, no person  
168 shall smoke: (A) In any area of a building or portion of a building,  
169 owned and operated or leased and operated by the state or any political  
170 subdivision of the state; (B) in any area of a health care institution,  
171 including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility; (C) in any area of a  
172 retail establishment accessed by the general public; (D) in any  
173 restaurant; (E) in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for  
174 the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-20a, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-  
175 22, 30-22c, as amended by this act, 30-28, 30-28a, 30-33a, 30-33b, 30-35a,  
176 30-37a, 30-37e, [or] 30-37f or section 2 of this act, in any area of an  
177 establishment with a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to  
178 section 30-22aa issued after May 1, 2003, and, on and after April 1, 2004,  
179 in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for the sale of  
180 alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-22a or 30-26; (F) in any area of a  
181 school building or on the grounds of such school; (G) within a child care  
182 facility or on the grounds of such child care facility, except, if the child  
183 care facility is a family child care home, as defined in section 19a-77,  
184 such smoking is prohibited only when a child enrolled in such home is  
185 present during customary business hours; (H) in any passenger  
186 elevator; (I) in any area of a dormitory in any public or private  
187 institution of higher education; (J) in any area of a dog race track or a  
188 facility equipped with screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting  
189 race programs or jai alai games; (K) in any room offered as an  
190 accommodation to guests by the operator of a hotel, motel or similar  
191 lodging; (L) in any area of a correctional facility or halfway house; or  
192 (M) in any area of a platform or a shelter at a rail, busway or bus station,  
193 owned and operated or leased and operated by the state or any political  
194 subdivision of the state. For purposes of this subsection, "restaurant"  
195 means space, in a suitable and permanent building, kept, used,  
196 maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where  
197 meals are regularly served to the public, "school" has the same meaning  
198 as provided in section 10-154a and "child care facility" has the same  
199 meaning as provided in section 19a-342a, as amended by this act.

200 (2) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to the following:

201 (A) Public housing projects, as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-  
202 278a; (B) any classroom where demonstration smoking is taking place  
203 as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson; (C)  
204 notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1)  
205 of this subsection, the outdoor portion of the premises of any permittee  
206 listed in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
207 provided, in the case of any seating area maintained for the service of  
208 food, at least seventy-five per cent of the outdoor seating capacity is an  
209 area in which smoking is prohibited and which is clearly designated  
210 with written signage as a nonsmoking area, except that any temporary  
211 seating area established for special events and not used on a regular  
212 basis shall not be subject to the smoking prohibition or signage  
213 requirements of this subparagraph; (D) any medical research site where  
214 smoking is integral to the research being conducted; or (E) any tobacco  
215 bar. For purposes of this subdivision, "outdoor" means an area which  
216 has no roof or other ceiling enclosure; "tobacco bar" means an  
217 establishment with a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor to consumers  
218 issued pursuant to section 30-22a, that, in the calendar year ending  
219 December 31, 2002, generated ten per cent or more of its total annual  
220 gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of  
221 on-site humidors or, for any tobacco bar that commenced operations  
222 during the period beginning January 1, 2003, and ending December 31,  
223 2022, generates at least sixty per cent of the tobacco bar's total annual  
224 gross sales from on-site sales of tobacco products, as determined in an  
225 annual audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant;  
226 and "tobacco product" means cigars and pipe tobacco, and does not  
227 include cannabis, cigarettes or chewing tobacco.

228 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 19a-342a of the 2024 supplement to  
229 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
230 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

231 (b) (1) No person shall use an electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery  
232 system or vapor product: (A) In any area of a building or portion of a  
233 building owned and operated or leased and operated by the state or any



234 political subdivision of the state; (B) in any area of a health care  
235 institution, including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility; (C) in any  
236 area of a retail establishment accessed by the public; (D) in any  
237 restaurant; (E) in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for  
238 the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-20a, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-  
239 22, 30-22a, 30-22c, as amended by this act, 30-26, 30-28, 30-28a, 30-33a,  
240 30-33b, 30-35a, 30-37a, 30-37e, [or] 30-37f or section 2 of this act, in any  
241 area of establishment with a permit issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor  
242 pursuant to section 30-22aa issued after May 1, 2003; (F) in any area of a  
243 school building or on the grounds of such school; (G) within a child care  
244 facility or on the grounds of such child care facility, except, if the child  
245 care facility is a family child care home as defined in section 19a-77, such  
246 use is prohibited only when a child enrolled in such home is present  
247 during customary business hours; (H) in any passenger elevator; (I) in  
248 any area of a dormitory in any public or private institution of higher  
249 education; (J) in any area of a dog race track or a facility equipped with  
250 screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai alai  
251 games; (K) in any room offered as an accommodation to guests by the  
252 operator of a hotel, motel or similar lodging; (L) in any area of a  
253 correctional facility, halfway house or residential facility funded by the  
254 Judicial Branch; or (M) in any area of a platform or a shelter at a rail,  
255 busway or bus station, owned and operated or leased and operated by  
256 the state or any political subdivision of the state. For purposes of this  
257 subsection, "restaurant" means space, in a suitable and permanent  
258 building, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public  
259 to be a place where meals are regularly served to the public; and "school"  
260 has the same meaning as provided in section 10-154a.

261 (2) Subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to the following:  
262 (A) Public housing projects, as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-  
263 278a; (B) any classroom where a demonstration of the use of an  
264 electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery system or vapor product is  
265 taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson; (C)  
266 any medical research site where the use of an electronic nicotine or  
267 cannabis delivery system or vapor product is integral to the research

268 being conducted; (D) establishments without a permit for the sale of  
269 alcoholic liquor that sell electronic nicotine delivery systems, vapor  
270 products or liquid nicotine containers on-site and allow their customers  
271 to use such systems, products or containers on-site; (E) notwithstanding  
272 the provisions of subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
273 the outdoor portion of the premises of any permittee listed in  
274 subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided, in the  
275 case of any seating area maintained for the service of food, at least  
276 seventy-five per cent of the outdoor seating capacity is an area in which  
277 smoking is prohibited and which is clearly designated with written  
278 signage as a nonsmoking area, except that any temporary seating area  
279 established for special events and not used on a regular basis shall not  
280 be subject to the prohibition on the use of an electronic nicotine or  
281 cannabis delivery system or vapor product or the signage requirements  
282 of this subparagraph; or (F) any tobacco bar. For purposes of this  
283 subdivision, "outdoor" means an area which has no roof or other ceiling  
284 enclosure; "tobacco bar" means an establishment with a permit for the  
285 sale of alcoholic liquor to consumers issued pursuant to section 30-22a,  
286 that, in the calendar year ending December 31, 2002, generated ten per  
287 cent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of  
288 tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors or, for any tobacco  
289 bar that commenced operations during the period beginning January 1,  
290 2003, and ending December 31, 2022, generates at least sixty per cent of  
291 the tobacco bar's total annual gross sales from on-site sales of tobacco  
292 products, as determined in an annual audit conducted by an  
293 independent certified public accountant; and "tobacco product" means  
294 cigars and pipe tobacco, and does not include cannabis, cigarettes or  
295 chewing tobacco.

296 Sec. 5. Subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 30-16b of the 2024  
297 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
298 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

299 (a) The holder of a permit issued under section 30-16, 30-21 or 30-22,  
300 subsection (c) or (g) of section 30-22a, [or] section 30-22aa or section 2 of

301 this act may sell for off-premises consumption sealed containers of all  
302 alcoholic liquor such permit holder is allowed to sell for on-premises  
303 consumption, subject to the requirements of this section and consistent  
304 with all local ordinances for the town in which the permit premises are  
305 located.

306 (b) Any alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption under this  
307 section shall be accompanied by food prepared on the permit premises  
308 for off-premises consumption.

309 (c) Alcoholic liquor sold for off-premises consumption under this  
310 section may be sold in a container other than the manufacturer's original  
311 sealed container, unless sold by a permittee under section 30-16. All  
312 such alcoholic liquor shall be given to a consumer in a securely sealed  
313 container that prevents consumption without the removal of a tamper-  
314 evident lid, cap or seal. A securely sealed container does not include a  
315 container with a lid with sipping holes or openings for straws. Each  
316 securely sealed container shall be placed in a bag by the permittee's  
317 agent or employee prior to removal from the permit premises.

318 (d) If a permittee is delivering alcoholic liquor and food, such  
319 delivery shall be made only by a direct employee of the permittee and  
320 not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such third-party vendor or  
321 entity holds an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f.

322 (e) The sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption under  
323 this section shall: (1) Be conducted only during the hours a package store  
324 is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of subsection  
325 (d) of section 30-91, as amended by this act, and (2) if such alcoholic  
326 liquor is sold by a permittee under section 30-21 or 30-22, subsection (c)  
327 or (g) of section 30-22a, [or] section 30-22aa or section 2 of this act,  
328 comply with all applicable requirements of said sections and the limits  
329 imposed under subsection (g) of this section.

330 (f) A sealed container of alcoholic liquor sold under this section shall  
331 not be deemed an open container, provided the sealed container is

332 unopened, the seal has not been tampered with and the contents of the  
333 sealed container have not been partially removed.

334 (g) The sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption under  
335 this section by a permittee under section 30-21 or 30-22, subsection (c)  
336 or (g) of section 30-22a, [or] section 30-22aa or section 2 of this act shall  
337 comply with the following limits for any one order, per customer: (1)  
338 One hundred ninety-six ounces for beer; (2) one liter for spirits; and (3)  
339 one and one-half liters for wine.

340 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is  
341 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
342 *2024*):

343 (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic  
344 liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit  
345 premises. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with  
346 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection  
347 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of  
348 alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-  
349 based wine or spirits education and tasting classes and demonstrations,  
350 and (C) conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or  
351 backer of the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit  
352 organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine or spirits education and  
353 tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be  
354 conducted only during the hours the package store may sell alcoholic  
355 liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No tasting of wine  
356 on the permit premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked  
357 bottles at any one time. No holder, backer or permittee shall offer or  
358 provide to any customer (i) more than one-half ounce of any single spirit  
359 for sampling or tasting per day, or (ii) a total of more than two ounces  
360 of spirits for sampling or tasting per day. No tasting shall be provided  
361 below cost.

362 (2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any  
363 commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any

364 other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B)  
365 publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews,  
366 beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or  
367 related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of  
368 alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state  
369 shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than  
370 food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in  
371 such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items  
372 in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the  
373 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both,  
374 (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the  
375 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits  
376 and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of  
377 clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor  
378 industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N)  
379 multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the  
380 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O)  
381 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if  
382 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices  
383 and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting  
384 a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including,  
385 but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding  
386 devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not  
387 designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections  
388 containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight  
389 and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-  
390 101, and (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor  
391 and commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q),  
392 inclusive, of this subdivision. A package store permit shall also allow  
393 the taking and transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise  
394 in other states. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package  
395 store permit shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion  
396 or giveaway sponsored by the department. The annual fee for a package  
397 store permit shall be five hundred thirty-five dollars.

398 Sec. 7. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 30-22c of the general  
399 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
400 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

401 (a) As used in this section: [, "juice bar or similar facility"]

402 (1) "Juice bar or similar facility" means an area within [a] permit  
403 premises in which nonalcoholic beverages are served to minors; [,] and  
404 ["permit premises"]

405 (2) "Permit premises" means the premises operated under (A) a cafe  
406 permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a, or (B) a cafe permit  
407 for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act.

408 (b) The holder of a cafe permit issued under subsection (c) of section  
409 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2  
410 of this act may operate a juice bar or similar facility at [a] permit  
411 premises if the juice bar or similar facility is limited to a room or rooms  
412 or separate area within the permit premises wherein there is no sale,  
413 consumption, dispensing or presence of alcoholic liquor.

414 (c) The holder of a cafe permit issued under subsection (c) of section  
415 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2  
416 of this act shall provide advance written notice to the chief law  
417 enforcement officer of the town in which [such] the permit premises is  
418 located [in advance] of the specific dates and hours of any scheduled  
419 event at which [the] such permit premises, or [a] any portion thereof,  
420 will be used to operate a juice bar or similar facility. Such notice shall be  
421 sent (1) by certified mail, or by electronic mail to the designated  
422 electronic mail address for the chief law enforcement officer, and (2) in  
423 a manner so [it] that such notice is received by such chief law  
424 enforcement officer not less than five days, and not more than thirty  
425 days, prior to the date of such scheduled event. The chief law  
426 enforcement officer of the town in which such permit premises is located  
427 may designate one or more law enforcement officers to attend any such  
428 scheduled event at the cost of such permit holder.

429 (d) Nothing in this section shall exempt the holder of a cafe permit  
430 issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine,  
431 beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act from compliance with  
432 any other provisions of the general statutes or regulations of  
433 Connecticut state agencies concerning minors, including, but not  
434 limited to, the prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquor to minors.  
435 The presence of alcoholic liquor or the sale or dispensing to or  
436 consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor at a juice bar or similar  
437 facility is prohibited.

438 Sec. 8. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 30-37u of the 2024  
439 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
440 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

441 (b) A temporary auction permit issued under this section shall allow  
442 the sale of beer, spirits and wine obtained from one or more individual  
443 collectors, holders of package store permits issued under section 30-20,  
444 as amended by this act, [or] holders of cancelled restaurant permits  
445 issued under section 30-22, [or] holders of cancelled cafe permits issued  
446 under section 30-22a or holders of cancelled cafe permits for wine, beer  
447 and cider issued under section 2 of this act through an auction  
448 conducted by an auctioneer. Such auction may be conducted, in person  
449 or online, only during the hours specified in subsection (d) of section 30-  
450 91, as amended by this act.

451 (c) To obtain a temporary auction permit under this section, an  
452 auctioneer shall submit an application to the department, in a form and  
453 manner prescribed by the department, at least sixty days before the first  
454 day of the auction to be conducted under such permit. The auctioneer  
455 applicant shall serve as the backer of such permit. Each such permit shall  
456 be valid for one auction and shall be effective for a period not to exceed  
457 three consecutive days in duration. The department may issue not more  
458 than four temporary auction permits to an auctioneer in any calendar  
459 year. The provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) and subsection  
460 (c) of section 30-39 shall not apply to temporary auction permits issued  
461 under this section. The fee for a temporary auction permit shall be one

462 hundred seventy-five dollars per day.

463 (d) The auctioneer shall obtain all beer, spirits and wine that are the  
464 subject of an auction conducted under a temporary auction permit  
465 issued under this section from one or more individual collectors, holders  
466 of package store permits issued under section 30-20, as amended by this  
467 act, or holders of cancelled restaurant permits issued under section 30-  
468 22, [or] cancelled cafe permits issued under section 30-22a or cancelled  
469 cafe permits for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act.  
470 The auctioneer shall only accept beer, spirits or wine that (1) was  
471 lawfully acquired by (A) an individual collector, or (B) the holder of a  
472 package store permit issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act,  
473 cancelled restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, [or] cancelled  
474 cafe permit issued under section 30-22a or cancelled cafe permit for  
475 wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act who purchased  
476 such beer, spirits or wine from the holder of a wholesaler permit issued  
477 under section 30-17, and (2) bears an intact seal from the manufacturer  
478 of such beer, spirits or wine. An individual collector may sell or consign  
479 such beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer. The holder of a package store  
480 permit issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act, may sell or  
481 consign such beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer, provided the  
482 starting bid for such beer, spirits or wine is in an amount that is not less  
483 than the amount required under section 30-68m. The holder of a  
484 cancelled restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, [or a] cancelled  
485 cafe permit issued under section 30-22a or cancelled cafe permit for  
486 wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act may sell or  
487 consign such beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer. All unsold  
488 consigned beer, spirits or wine shall be returned to the individual  
489 collector, holder of the package store permit issued under section 30-20,  
490 as amended by this act, holder of the cancelled restaurant permit issued  
491 under section 30-22, [or] holder of the cancelled cafe permit issued  
492 under section 30-22a or holder of the cancelled cafe permit for wine, beer  
493 and cider issued under section 2 of this act not later than ten days after  
494 the final day of such auction.



495 Sec. 9. Section 30-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
496 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

497 Each permit granted under the provisions of sections 30-16, 30-17, 30-  
498 20, as amended by this act, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22a, 30-22aa, 30-28a,  
499 30-33a, [and] 30-36 and section 2 of this act, shall also, under the  
500 regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection, allow the  
501 storage, on the premises and at one other secure location registered with  
502 and approved by the department, of sufficient quantities of alcoholic  
503 liquor respectively allowed to be sold under such permits as may be  
504 necessary for the business conducted by the respective permittees or  
505 their backers; but no such permit shall be granted under the provisions  
506 of section 30-16 or 30-17 unless such storage facilities are provided and  
507 the place of storage receives the approval of the department as to  
508 suitability, and thereafter no place of storage shall be changed nor any  
509 new place of storage utilized without the approval of the department.

510 Sec. 10. Section 30-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
511 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

512 The Department of Consumer Protection shall refuse permits for the  
513 sale of alcoholic liquor to the following persons: (1) Any state marshal,  
514 judicial marshal, judge of any court, prosecuting officer or member of  
515 any police force; (2) any minor; (3) any constable who (A) performs  
516 criminal law enforcement duties and is considered a peace officer by  
517 town ordinance pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section  
518 54-1f, or (B) is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e,  
519 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties pursuant to  
520 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 54-1f; and (4) any special  
521 constable appointed pursuant to section 7-92. This section shall not  
522 apply to any out-of-state shipper's permit issued under section 30-18,  
523 30-18a or 30-19, any cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, any cafe  
524 permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act, any  
525 boat operating under any in-state transporter's permit issued under  
526 section 30-19f [,] or any airline permit issued under section 30-28a. As  
527 used in this section, "minor" means a minor, as defined in section 1-1d

528 or as defined in section 30-1, as amended by this act, whichever age is  
529 older.

530 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 30-48 of the 2024 supplement to the  
531 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
532 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

533 (a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or  
534 permittee of any other permit class except in the case of airline permits  
535 issued under section 30-28a, boats operating under in-state transporter's  
536 permits issued under section 30-19f, and cafe permits issued under  
537 subsections (d) and (h) of section 30-22a, except that: (1) A backer of a  
538 hotel permit issued under section 30-21 or a restaurant permit issued  
539 under section 30-22 may be a backer of both such classes; (2) a holder or  
540 backer of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, [or] a cafe  
541 permit issued under subsection (a) of section 30-22a or a cafe permit for  
542 wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act may be a holder  
543 or backer of any other or all of such classes; (3) a holder or backer of a  
544 restaurant permit issued under section 30-22 may be a holder or backer  
545 of a cafe permit issued under subsection (f) of section 30-22a; (4) a backer  
546 of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22 may be a backer of a  
547 coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a when such restaurant is  
548 within a coliseum; (5) a backer of a hotel permit issued under section 30-  
549 21 may be a backer of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (6)  
550 a backer of a grocery store beer permit issued under subsection (c) of  
551 section 30-20 may be (A) a backer of a package store permit issued under  
552 subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, if such was the  
553 case on or before May 1, 1996, and (B) a backer of a restaurant permit  
554 issued under section 30-22, provided the restaurant permit premises do  
555 not abut or share the same space as the grocery store beer permit  
556 premises; (7) a backer of a cafe permit issued under subsection (j) of  
557 section 30-22a, may be a backer of a nonprofit theater permit issued  
558 under section 30-35a; (8) a backer of a nonprofit theater permit issued  
559 under section 30-35a may be a holder or backer of a hotel permit issued  
560 under section 30-21 or a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a;

561 (9) a backer of a concession permit issued under section 30-33 may be a  
562 backer of a coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (10) a holder of  
563 an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine issued under section  
564 30-18a may be a holder of an in-state transporter's permit issued under  
565 section 30-19f; (11) a holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for  
566 alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-18 or an out-of-state winery  
567 shipper's permit for wine issued under section 30-18a may be a holder  
568 of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f; (12) a  
569 holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery issued under  
570 subsection (c) of section 30-16 or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider  
571 and mead issued under subsection (d) of section 30-16 may be a holder  
572 of an in-state transporter's permit issued under section 30-19f, an off-site  
573 farm winery sales and tasting permit issued under section 30-16a or any  
574 combination of such permits; (13) the holder of a manufacturer permit  
575 for spirits, beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead, issued under  
576 subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16 may be a  
577 holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit issued under section 30-22d, a  
578 restaurant permit or a restaurant permit for wine and beer issued under  
579 section 30-22 or a farmers' market sales permit issued under section 30-  
580 37o; (14) the holder of a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, a  
581 cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, a cafe permit for wine, beer and  
582 cider issued under section 2 of this act or an in-state transporter's permit  
583 issued under section 30-19f [.] may be the holder of a seasonal outdoor  
584 open-air permit issued under section 30-22e or an outdoor open-air  
585 permit issued under section 30-22f; and (15) the holder of a festival  
586 permit issued under section 30-37t may be the holder or backer of one  
587 or more of such other classes. Any person may be a permittee of more  
588 than one permit. No holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued  
589 under subsection (b) of section 30-16 and no spouse or child of such  
590 holder may be a holder or backer of more than three restaurant permits  
591 issued under section 30-22, [or] cafe permits issued under section 30-22a  
592 or cafe permits for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this  
593 act.

594 Sec. 12. Subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section 30-91 of the 2024

595 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
596 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

597 (a) The sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in glasses or other  
598 receptacles suitable to allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by  
599 an individual in places operating under hotel permits issued under  
600 section 30-21, restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, cafe  
601 permits issued under section 30-22a, cafe permits for wine, beer and  
602 cider issued under section 2 of this act, Connecticut craft cafe permits  
603 issued under section 30-22d, club permits issued under section 30-22aa,  
604 restaurant permits for catering establishments issued under section 30-  
605 22b, coliseum permits issued under section 30-33a, temporary liquor  
606 permits for noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35,  
607 nonprofit public museum permits issued under section 30-37a,  
608 manufacturer permits for beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead  
609 issued under subsection (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16,  
610 casino permits issued under section 30-37k and caterer liquor permits  
611 issued under section 30-37j shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday,  
612 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m.  
613 and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m.  
614 and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m.  
615 and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is  
616 served where food is also available during the hours otherwise  
617 permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (B)  
618 by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5)  
619 January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock  
620 a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of  
621 this section shall be between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and ten  
622 o'clock a.m.

623 (b) Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce  
624 the number of hours during which sales under subsection (a) of this  
625 section, except sales under a cafe permit issued under subsection (d) of  
626 section 30-22a, shall be permissible. In all cases when a town, either by  
627 vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, has acted on the sale of alcoholic

628 liquor or the reduction of the number of hours when such sale is  
629 permissible, such action shall become effective on the first day of the  
630 month succeeding such action and no further action shall be taken until  
631 at least one year has elapsed since the previous action was taken.

632 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
633 section, such sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in glasses in  
634 places operating under a cafe permit issued under subsection (f) of  
635 section 30-22a shall be unlawful before eleven o'clock a.m. on any day,  
636 except in that portion of the permit premises which is located in a  
637 separate room or rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of  
638 the establishment, is by means of a door or doors which shall remain  
639 closed at all times except to permit entrance and egress to and from the  
640 lane area. Any alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating  
641 under a cafe permit issued under subsection (f) of section 30-22a shall  
642 be served in containers such as, but not limited to, plastic or glass. Any  
643 town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the  
644 number of hours during which sales under this subsection shall be  
645 permissible.

646 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor for off-premises  
647 consumption in places operating under package store permits issued  
648 under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, druggist  
649 permits issued under section 30-36, manufacturer permits issued under  
650 section 30-16, grocery store beer permits issued under subsection (c) of  
651 section 30-20, religious wine retailer permits issued under section 30-37s  
652 or temporary auction permits issued under section 30-37u, as amended  
653 by this act, shall be unlawful on Thanksgiving Day, New Year's Day and  
654 Christmas; and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor for off-  
655 premises consumption in places operating under package store permits,  
656 druggist permits, manufacturer permits for beer, grocery store beer  
657 permits, religious wine retailer permits and temporary auction permits  
658 shall be unlawful on Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after six o'clock  
659 p.m. and on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and after ten o'clock  
660 p.m. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by ordinance,

661 reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be permissible.

662 (e) (1) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit  
663 issued under subsection (c) of section 30-22a, a cafe permit for wine, beer  
664 and cider issued under section 2 of this act or a Connecticut craft cafe  
665 permit issued under section 30-22d, and wherein, under the provisions  
666 of this section, the sale of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on certain days  
667 or hours of the day, or during the period when such permit is  
668 suspended, it shall likewise be unlawful to keep such premises open to,  
669 or permit such premises to be occupied by, the public on such days or  
670 hours.

671 (2) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit issued  
672 under section 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued  
673 under section 2 of this act, it shall be unlawful to keep such premises  
674 open to, or permit such premises to be occupied by, the public between  
675 the hours of one o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Monday, Tuesday,  
676 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and between the hours of two o'clock  
677 a.m. and six o'clock a.m. on Saturday and Sunday or during any period  
678 of time when such permit is suspended, provided the sale, dispensing  
679 or consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe  
680 permit or cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall be prohibited  
681 beyond the hours authorized for the sale, dispensing or consumption of  
682 alcohol for such premises under this section.

683 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, in the case of any  
684 premises operating under a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a or  
685 a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section 2 of this act,  
686 it shall be lawful for such premises to be open to, or be occupied by, the  
687 public when such premises is being used as a site for film, television,  
688 video or digital production eligible for a film production tax credit  
689 pursuant to section 12-217jj, provided the sale, dispensing or  
690 consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe  
691 permit or cafe permit for wine, beer and cider shall be prohibited  
692 beyond the hours authorized for the sale, dispensing or consumption of  
693 alcohol for such premises under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-1
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	19a-342(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	19a-342a(b)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-16b(a) to (g)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-20(b)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-22c(a) to (d)
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-37u(b) to (d)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-38
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-45
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-48(a)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	30-91(a) to (e)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 7(b), "at a permit premises" was changed to "at [a] permit premises" for internal consistency; and in Section 7(c)(2), "not [less] fewer than" was changed to "not less than" for consistency.

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*