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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - LICENSES GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Roberts, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-5-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-5 entitled "Licenses
2 Generally" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-5-17. Notice and hearing on licenses.**

4 Before granting a license to any person under the provisions of this chapter and title, the
5 board, body or official to whom application for the license is made, shall give notice by
6 advertisement published once a week for at least two (2) weeks in some newspaper published in
7 the city or town where the applicant proposes to carry on business, or, if there is no newspaper
8 published in a city or town, then in some newspaper having a general circulation in the city or
9 town. Applications for retailer's Class F, P and Class G licenses need not be advertised. The
10 advertisement shall contain the name of the applicant and a description by street and number or
11 other plain designation of the particular location for which the license is requested. Notice of the
12 application shall also be given, by [certified](#) mail, to all owners of property within two hundred
13 feet (200') of the place of business seeking the application. The notice shall be given by the board,
14 body or official to whom the application is made, and the cost of the application shall be borne by
15 the applicant. The notices shall state that remonstrants are entitled to be heard before the granting
16 of the license, and shall name the time and place of the hearing. At the time and place a fair
17 opportunity shall be granted the remonstrants to make their objections before acting upon the
18 application; provided that no advertisement or notice need be given pursuant to this section when
19 a license holder applies for a temporary seasonal expansion of an existing liquor license.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require that notice of application to owners of property within two
- 2 hundred feet (200') of the site of a proposed liquor licensee be given by certified mail.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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