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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representative Raymond E.Gallison

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 3-7 of the General Laws entitled "Retail Licenses" is hereby

2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **3-7-7.6. Casino license -- Class B-C. --** (a) A Class B-C license shall be issued only to a

4 holder of a gaming and entertainment license that is authorized to operate twenty-four (24) hours

5 a day.

6   (b) The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell beverages including beer in

7 cans, at retail at the place described and to deliver them for consumption on the premises or place

8 where sold. It also authorizes the charging of an admission to events at the gaming and

9 entertainment facility.

10   (c) The license authorizes the holder to sell and serve alcoholic beverages between the

11 hours of six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and two o'clock (2:00) a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and nights

12 before federal and state legally recognized holidays. The fee for a Class B-C license shall be two

13 thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500).

14   (d) The applicant for a Class B-C license shall submit the following to its host

15 municipality:

16   (1) The applicant holds a valid and enforceable Class B-V license that is in good

17 standing.

18   (2) The applicant is a licensed gaming and entertainment establishment that is authorized

19 to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day.

1   (3) The applicant provides a twenty-four (24) hour security plan to the chief of police or

2   other appropriate law enforcement official for the host municipality.

3   (4) The security plan shall set forth a protocol for communication with the host

4   municipality's police department and for updating the plan, as necessary.

5   (e) In the event that the host municipality grants a Class B-C license, the licensee shall

6   exchange its existing Class B-V license for the Class B-C license.

7   (f) Upon receipt of the proper permits from the local licensing board, holders of Class B-

8   C licenses are permitted to have dances, entertainment and food service within the licensed

9   premises to be conducted during the hours permitted for sale and service of alcoholic beverages.

10   (g) A holder of a Class B-C license, upon approval of the department of business

11   regulations and the local licensing board, may undertake promotional events related to the service

12   of alcoholic beverages that may be otherwise prohibited. The holder of the Class B-C license

13   must secure approval for any such promotional event first from the department of business

14   regulation liquor control administration and then from the local licensing board upon establishing

15   a specific security protocol for the event.

16   (h) Notwithstanding any provisions in the department of business regulation liquor

17   control administration regulations, rule 18, it shall be lawful for the holder of a Class B-C license

18   to permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time as long as the subject alcoholic

19   beverage was purchased during legal service hours.

20   (i) To the extent that there is no conflict with the provisions of § 3-7-7.6, the provisions

21   of § 3-7-7 shall apply to a holder of a Class B-C license.

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

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1   This act would create a Class B-C retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages

2   permitting holders of gaming licenses authorized to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day to, in

3   addition to the rights of Class B license holders, serve alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6

4   a.m. and 2 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and nights before federal and state legal holidays.

5   This act would take effect upon passage.

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