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Senate Bill No. 263

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"A" and House Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 6, 2021

AN ACT REESTABLISHING CLUB AND NONPROFIT CLUB PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "club" means an association of persons, whether incorporated or
3 unincorporated, (1) (A) that has been in existence as a bona fide
4 organization for at least three years prior to applying for a permit issued
5 as provided in chapter 545 of the general statutes, or (B) that has been a
6 bona fide national or international fraternal or social organization or
7 affiliation thereof which has been in existence in this state for one year,
8 (2) for the promotion of some common object, not including associations
9 organized for any commercial or business purpose the object of which
10 is money profit, owning, hiring or leasing a building, or space in a
11 building, or having substantial control of a building or space therein, of
12 such extent and character as, in the judgment of the department, may be
13 suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and
14 accommodation of its members and their guests. A club permit shall
15 allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises
16 of a club but only by members or their guests. The annual fee for a club
17 permit shall be three hundred dollars.

18 (b) The department shall determine which clubs it finds to be bona
19 fide and for such clubs as the department finds to be bona fide and
20 which offer facilities and privileges in addition to the privileges of the
21 club building, such as golf, tennis, bathing or beach facilities, hunting or
22 riding, the three-year requirement of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of
23 this section shall not apply. Any such club shall be required to (1) file
24 with the department, upon request, within ten days of February first in
25 each year, a list of the names and residences of its members, and shall
26 similarly file, within ten days of the election of any additional member,
27 the member's name and address, (2) have aggregate annual membership
28 fees or dues and other income, exclusive of any proceeds of the sale of
29 alcoholic liquor, that is sufficient to defray the annual rental of its leased
30 or rented premises, or, if such premises are owned by the club, sufficient
31 to meet the taxes, insurance and repairs and the interest on any
32 mortgage thereof, and (3) have its affairs and management be conducted
33 by a board of directors, executive committee or similar body chosen by
34 the members at their annual meeting. No member or any officer, agent
35 or employee of the club shall be paid or, directly or indirectly, shall
36 receive in the form of salary or other compensation any profits from the
37 disposition or sale of alcoholic liquor to the club or to the members of
38 the club or its guests introduced by members, beyond the amount of
39 such salary as may be fixed and voted at annual meetings by the
40 members or by its directors or other governing body and as reported by
41 the club to the department, within three months after such annual
42 meeting, and as, in the judgment of the department, is reasonable and
43 proper compensation for the services of such member, officer, agent or
44 employee.

45 (c) As used in this subsection, "nonprofit club" means a club that is
46 exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal
47 Revenue Code and is described in Section 501(c) of the code. A nonprofit
48 club permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed
49 on the premises of a nonprofit club by members or their guests and by
50 persons other than members or their guests, provided the total receipts
51 of such club in any year, including receipts from the sale of alcoholic

52 liquor, derived from making its facilities and services available to such
53 persons in furtherance of such club's recreational or other nonprofit
54 purpose, shall not exceed fifteen per cent of such club's gross receipts
55 for such year. The annual fee for a nonprofit club permit shall be eight
56 hundred fifteen dollars.

57 Sec. 2. Subsections (g) to (m), inclusive, of section 30-22a of the
58 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
59 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

60 (g) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall include
61 the premises and grounds of a golf country club, defined as (1) an
62 association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, that
63 has been in existence as a bona fide organization for at least one year
64 prior to applying for a permit issued as provided by this chapter, or that
65 at the time of applying for the permit is in existence as a bona fide
66 organization and has not less than twenty members who have paid
67 annual membership fees or dues and have signed affidavits of their
68 intention to remain members of the association for not less than one year
69 after that time, not including associations organized for any commercial
70 or business purpose the object of which is money profit, which
71 maintains a golf course of not less than eighteen holes and a course
72 length of at least fifty-five hundred yards and a club house with facilities
73 that include locker rooms, a dining room and a lounge; provided the
74 club shall file with the department, upon request, within ten days of
75 February first in each year, a list of the names and residences of its
76 members, and shall similarly file, within ten days of the election of any
77 additional member, his name and address, and provided its aggregate
78 annual membership fees or dues and other income, exclusive of any
79 proceeds of the sale of alcoholic liquor, shall be sufficient to defray the
80 annual rental of its leased or rented premises, or, if the premises are
81 owned by the club, shall be sufficient to meet the taxes, insurance and
82 repairs and the interest on any mortgage thereof; and provided, further,
83 its affairs and management shall be conducted by a board of directors,
84 executive committee or similar body chosen by the members at their
85 annual meeting, and no member or any officer, agent or employee of the

86 club shall be paid or, directly or indirectly, shall receive in the form of
87 salary or other compensation any profits from the disposition or sale of
88 alcoholic liquor to the club or to the members of the club or its guests
89 introduced by members, beyond the amount of such salary as may be
90 fixed and voted at annual meetings by the members or by its directors
91 or other governing body and as reported by the club to the department,
92 within three months after the annual meeting, and as is, in the judgment
93 of the department, reasonable and proper compensation for the services
94 of such member, officer, agent or employee; or (2) an association of
95 persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated, which has been in
96 existence as a bona fide organization for at least one year prior to
97 applying for a permit issued as provided by this chapter, or which at the
98 time of applying for the permit is in existence as a bona fide organization
99 and has not less than twenty members who have paid annual
100 membership fees or dues and is directly or indirectly wholly owned by
101 a corporation which is and continues to be nonprofit and to which the
102 Internal Revenue Service has issued a ruling classifying it as an exempt
103 organization under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
104 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
105 States, as amended from time to time, which maintains a golf course of
106 not less than eighteen holes and a course length of at least fifty-five
107 hundred yards and a club house with facilities which include locker
108 rooms, a dining room and a lounge; provided the club shall file with the
109 department, upon request, within ten days of February first in each year,
110 a list of the names and residences of its members, and shall similarly file,
111 within ten days of the admission of any additional member, his name
112 and address. The nonprofit corporation shall demonstrate to the
113 commission an ability to pay any operating deficit of the golf country
114 club, exclusive of any proceeds of the sale of alcoholic liquor; and
115 provided, further, the affairs and the management of the nonprofit
116 corporation are conducted by a board of directors, executive committee
117 or similar body at least forty per cent of the members of which are
118 chosen by the members of the nonprofit corporation at their annual
119 meeting and the balance of the members of the board of directors are
120 professionals chosen for their knowledge of the business of the

121 nonprofit corporation, and all moneys earned by the golf country club
122 shall be used to defray its expenses of operation or for charitable
123 purposes, and any balance shall be directly or indirectly remitted to the
124 nonprofit corporation.

125 [(h) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall include
126 the premises of a club but only by members or their guests, a club being
127 defined as an association of persons, whether incorporated or
128 unincorporated, which has been in existence as a bona fide organization
129 for at least three years prior to applying for a permit issued as provided
130 by this chapter, or has been a bona fide national or international
131 fraternal or social organization or affiliation thereof which has been in
132 existence in this state for one year, for the promotion of some common
133 object, not including associations organized for any commercial or
134 business purpose the object of which is money profit, owning, hiring or
135 leasing a building, or space in a building, or having substantial control
136 of a building or space therein, of such extent and character as, in the
137 judgment of the department, may be suitable and adequate for the
138 reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and
139 their guests; provided, as to such clubs as the department finds to be
140 bona fide and which offer facilities and privileges in addition to the
141 privileges of the club building, such as golf, tennis, bathing or beach
142 facilities, hunting or riding, the three-year requirement shall not apply;
143 and provided such club shall file with the department, upon request,
144 within ten days of February first in each year, a list of the names and
145 residences of its members, and shall similarly file, within ten days of the
146 election of any additional member, his name and address, and provided
147 its aggregate annual membership fees or dues and other income,
148 exclusive of any proceeds of the sale of alcoholic liquor, shall be
149 sufficient to defray the annual rental of its leased or rented premises, or,
150 if such premises are owned by the club, shall be sufficient to meet the
151 taxes, insurance and repairs and the interest on any mortgage thereof;
152 and provided, further, its affairs and management shall be conducted
153 by a board of directors, executive committee or similar body chosen by
154 the members at their annual meeting, and no member or any officer,

155 agent or employee of the club shall be paid or, directly or indirectly,
156 shall receive in the form of salary or other compensation any profits
157 from the disposition or sale of alcoholic liquor to the club or to the
158 members of the club or its guests introduced by members, beyond the
159 amount of such salary as may be fixed and voted at annual meetings by
160 the members or by its directors or other governing body and as reported
161 by the club to the department, within three months after such annual
162 meeting, and as, in the judgment of the department, is reasonable and
163 proper compensation for the services of such member, officer, agent or
164 employee.

165 (i) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall include
166 the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises of a
167 nonprofit club by members or their guests and by persons other than
168 members or their guests, provided the total receipts of such club in any
169 year, including receipts from the sale of alcoholic liquor, derived from
170 making its facilities and services available to such persons in furtherance
171 of such club's recreational or other nonprofit purpose shall not exceed
172 fifteen per cent of such club's gross receipts for such year. "Nonprofit
173 club" means a club that is exempt from federal income tax under Section
174 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
175 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
176 from time to time, and is described in said Section 501(c).]

177 [(j)] (h) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall
178 include the sale and public consumption of alcoholic liquor by
179 passengers with or without meals upon any one designated boat
180 engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire to or from any port
181 in this state.

182 [(k)] (i) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall
183 include any corporation that operates a railway in this state or that
184 operates club, parlor, dining, buffet or lounge cars upon the lines of any
185 such railway in this state. It shall allow the sale and public consumption
186 of alcoholic liquor in any club, parlor, dining, buffet or lounge car of a
187 passenger train operated in this state. It shall be subject to all the

188 privileges, obligations and penalties provided for in this chapter except
189 that it shall be issued to a corporation instead of to a person and if it is
190 revoked, another application may be made by the corporation for the
191 issuance of another railroad permit at any time after the expiration of
192 one year after such revocation.

193 [(l)] (j) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall
194 include a facility designed, constructed and used for corporate and
195 private parties, sporting events, concerts, exhibitions, trade shows,
196 entertainment presentations, conventions, banquets, meetings, dances,
197 fund-raising events and similar functions, located on a tract of land of
198 not less than twenty acres containing an enclosed roofed pavilion
199 constructed to seat not less than two hundred fifty people, where hot
200 meals are regularly served in an adequate and sanitary dining area, such
201 meals having been prepared in an adequate and sanitary kitchen on the
202 premises, and employing an adequate number of employees who shall
203 serve only persons who are at such outing facility to attend an event,
204 function, private party or banquet.

205 [(m)] (k) For purposes of compliance with this section, "cafe" shall
206 include a room or building that is subject to the care, custody and control
207 of The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees, or (2) on land or in
208 a building situated on or abutting a golf course which is subject to the
209 care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher
210 learning, as defined in section 10a-34, which has been accredited by the
211 Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education or
212 otherwise is authorized to award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34.

213 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The holder of a cafe permit
214 issued for a club or nonprofit club prior to July 1, 2021, pursuant to
215 section 30-22a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may
216 continue to hold such permit until such permit becomes due for renewal
217 or until such time as a replacement permit becomes available for such
218 permit holder to obtain under section 1 of this act.

219 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

220 subsection (f) of section 21a-4 of the general statutes, the Commissioner
221 of Consumer Protection shall refund to any prior holder of (1) a club
222 permit issued pursuant to section 30-23 of the general statutes, the
223 portion of the annual fee paid by such permittee in excess of three
224 hundred dollars to obtain a cafe permit under section 30-22a of the
225 general statutes, as amended by this act, and (2) a nonprofit club permit
226 issued pursuant to section 30-23 of the general statutes, the portion of
227 the annual fee paid by such permittee in excess of eight hundred fifteen
228 dollars to obtain a cafe permit under section 30-22a of the general
229 statutes, as amended by this act, if such excess amount was paid by such
230 permittee on or after July 1, 2020, until July 1, 2021.

231 Sec. 5. Section 30-23a of the general statutes is repealed and the
232 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

233 No person shall be construed to be a guest of a member of a club
234 within the intent of section [30-23] 1 of this act or of a golf country club
235 within the intent of section 30-24a until such person's name and address
236 has been entered in the guest book maintained for such purposes on the
237 club or golf country club premises, together with the signature of the
238 member and the date of introduction, provided neither the permittee
239 nor any person employed to dispense alcoholic beverages on such
240 premises, during his working hours on such premises, shall enter such
241 person's name in such book. The requirement of this section (1) shall not
242 apply to a member of any nationally chartered veterans' service
243 organization when such member enters a club run by such organization
244 that is not such member's home club, but is affiliated with the same
245 organization, provided such member shall show a membership, travel
246 card or similar identification as a member of such organization upon
247 entry to such club, and (2) may be waived by the Department of
248 Consumer Protection on special occasions upon written application.

249 Sec. 6. Section 30-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the
250 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

251 For the interpretation of this chapter and section 1 of this act, unless

252 the context indicates a different meaning:

253 (1) "Airline" means any United States airline carrier, holding a
254 certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Civil
255 Aeronautics Board under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of
256 1958, as amended, or any foreign flag carrier, holding a permit under
257 Section 402 of such act.

258 (2) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented
259 liquid, rectified either once or more often, whatever may be the origin
260 thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered
261 nonpotable.

262 (3) "Alcoholic liquor" or "alcoholic beverage" includes the four
263 varieties of liquor defined in subdivisions (2), (5), [(16)] (18) and [(17)]
264 (19) of this section (alcohol, beer, spirits and wine) and every liquid or
265 solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and
266 capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes.
267 Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the four varieties so
268 defined is considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher
269 percentage of alcohol, according to the following order: Alcohol, spirits,
270 wine and beer, except as provided in subdivision [(20)] (19) of this
271 section. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any liquid or
272 solid containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume.

273 (4) "Backer" means, except in cases where the permittee is himself the
274 proprietor, the proprietor of any business or club, incorporated or
275 unincorporated, engaged in the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor,
276 in which business a permittee is associated, whether as employee, agent
277 or part owner.

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

280 (6) (A) "Case price" means the price of a container of cardboard, wood
281 or other material, containing units of the same size and class of alcoholic
282 liquor, and (B) a case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer, cordials,

283 cocktails, wines and prepared mixed drinks, shall be in the number and
284 quantity, or fewer, with the permission of the Commissioner of
285 Consumer Protection, of units or bottles as follows: (i) Six one thousand
286 seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; (ii) twelve one liter bottles; (iii)
287 twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles; (iv) twenty-four three
288 hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles; (v) forty-eight two hundred
289 milliliter bottles; (vi) sixty one hundred milliliter bottles; or (vii) one
290 hundred twenty fifty milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty milliliter
291 bottles may be in a number and quantity as originally configured,
292 packaged and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state shipper prior to
293 shipment, provided such number of bottles does not exceed two
294 hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize fewer numbers or
295 quantities of units or bottles as specified in this subdivision for any one
296 person or entity more than eight times in any calendar year. For the
297 purposes of this subdivision, "class" has the same meaning as defined in
298 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits, as defined in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, and as defined
299 in 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

300 (7) "Charitable organization" means any nonprofit organization
301 organized for charitable purposes to which has been issued a ruling by
302 the Internal Revenue Service classifying it as an exempt organization
303 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

304 (8) "Club" has the same meaning as provided in section 1 of this act.

305 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Coliseum" means a coliseum, as defined in section 30-33a.

306 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Commission" means the Liquor Control Commission. [and
307 "department" means the Department of Consumer Protection.]

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

309 ~~[(10)]~~ (12) "Mead" means fermented honey, with or without adjunct
310 ingredients or additions, regardless of alcohol content, regardless of
311 process, and regardless of being sparkling, carbonated or still.

312 ~~[(11)]~~ (13) "Minor" means any person under twenty-one years of age.

313 [(12)] (14) "Person" means natural person including partners but shall
314 not include corporations, limited liability companies, joint stock
315 companies or other associations of natural persons.

316 [(13)] (15) "Proprietor" [shall include] includes all owners of
317 businesses or clubs, included in subdivision (4) of this section, whether
318 such owners are individuals, partners, joint stock companies,
319 fiduciaries, stockholders of corporations or otherwise, but [shall] does
320 not include persons or corporations who are merely creditors of such
321 businesses or clubs, whether as note holders, bond holders, landlords or
322 franchisors.

323 [(14)] (16) "Dining room" means a room or rooms in premises
324 operating under a hotel permit, hotel beer permit, restaurant permit,
325 restaurant permit for beer, where meals are customarily served, within
326 the room or rooms, to any member of the public who has means of
327 payment and proper demeanor.

328 [(15)] (17) "Restaurant" means a restaurant, as defined in section 30-
329 22.

330 [(16)] (18) "Spirits" means any beverage that contains alcohol
331 obtained by distillation mixed with drinkable water and other
332 substances in solution, including brandy, rum, whiskey and gin.

333 [(17)] (19) "Wine" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the
334 fermentation of the natural sugar content of fruits, such as grapes or
335 apples or other agricultural products, containing sugar, including
336 fortified wines such as port, sherry and champagne.

337 [(18)] (20) "Nonprofit public television corporation" means a
338 nonprofit public television corporation, as defined in section 30-37d.

339 (21) "Nonprofit club" has the same meaning as provided in section 1
340 of this act.

341 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 30-37f of the general statutes is
342 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

343 *passage*):

344 (b) Sections 30-9 to 30-13a, inclusive, section [30-23] 1 of this act,
 345 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 30-39, subsection (c) of section
 346 30-39 and sections 30-44, 30-46, 30-48a and 30-91a shall not apply to any
 347 class of airport permit.

348 Sec. 8. Section 30-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 349 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

350 Each permit granted under the provisions of section 30-16, 30-17, 30-
 351 20, 30-20a, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22a, as amended by this act, [30-23] 1
 352 of this act, 30-24a, 30-26, 30-28, 30-28a, 30-29, 30-33a, 30-33b, 30-36, 30-
 353 37c or 30-37e, shall also, under the regulations of the Department of
 354 Consumer Protection, allow the storage, on the premises and at one
 355 other secure location registered with and approved by the department,
 356 of sufficient quantities of alcoholic liquor respectively allowed to be sold
 357 under such permits as may be necessary for the business conducted by
 358 the respective permittees or their backers; but no such permit shall be
 359 granted under the provisions of section 30-16 or 30-17 unless such
 360 storage facilities are provided and the place of storage receives the
 361 approval of the department as to suitability, and thereafter no place of
 362 storage shall be changed nor any new place of storage utilized without
 363 the approval of the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	30-22a(g) to (m)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	30-23a
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	30-1
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	30-37f(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	30-38

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 21 \$	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Loss	540,000	540,000	540,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill reduces the fee for a café permit for previous holders of nonprofit club and club permits from \$2,000 to \$300 for a club permit and \$815 for a nonprofit club permit resulting in an annual revenue loss of approximately \$540,000 beginning in FY 21¹. In FY 20 there were 338 club and nonprofit club permits.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

House "A" makes the sections containing the club and nonprofit club permit fee reductions effective from passage resulting in no fiscal impact because the bill specifies these permittees will receive a refund in FY 21. House "A" also makes a technical change resulting in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue subject to the number of club and nonprofit clubs.

¹ The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection to issue a refund for any club (\$300) or nonprofit club (\$815) who paid in excess of the permit fee listed in the bill in FY 21.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 263 (File 6, as amended by House "A" and Senate "A")******AN ACT CONCERNING CLUB PERMIT AND NONPROFIT CLUB PERMIT FEES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill reestablishes the club and nonprofit club alcoholic liquor permits and eliminates current provisions that allow these permittees to receive a cafe permit. PA 19-24, among other things, combined various permits for on-premises alcohol consumption into the cafe permit, including the club and nonprofit club permits. The bill allows cafe permittees who were issued their permit for a club or nonprofit club before July 1, 2021, to continue to hold the permit until it is due for renewal or until the replacement permit established by the bill becomes available.

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to refund a portion of the cafe permit annual fee paid by prior club and nonprofit club permittees between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021. Specifically, the commissioner must refund any amount that a prior holder of (1) a club permittee paid in excess of \$300 and (2) a nonprofit club permittee paid in excess of \$815. Under current law, the annual fee for a cafe permit is \$2,000.

The bill also makes various conforming and technical changes.

*Senate Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill (File 6), which reduced the cafe permit annual fees for prior club and nonprofit club permits.

*House Amendment "A" (1) changes the effective date for the reestablished permits and conforming and technical changes, from July 1, 2021, to upon passage, and (2) makes additional technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

CLUB PERMIT

The bill allows a club permittee to sell alcoholic liquor (e.g., spirits, wine, or beer) at retail for consumption on the premises by members and their guests. The annual fee for a club permit is \$300.

Under the bill, clubs seeking a club permit are subject to the same requirements that current law provides for clubs seeking a cafe permit. Among other things, they must:

1. have been in existence for at least three years at the time of application or, in the case of national or international fraternal or social organizations, have been in Connecticut for at least one year;
2. file with DCP (a) upon request and by February 11 each year, a list of their members' names and addresses and (b) the names and addresses of new members within 10 days of their election;
3. have sufficient membership fees, dues, and other income (other than income derived from selling alcoholic beverages) to pay for their lease or any taxes, insurance, repairs, and mortgage interest on property they own; and
4. conduct their affairs through a board of directors, executive committee, or similar body chosen by members at an annual meeting.

NONPROFIT CLUB PERMIT

Under the bill, nonprofit club permittees are subject to the same requirements as under current law for cafe permits. Specifically, they may sell alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises by members and their guests. They may also sell to others so long as the income they derive from doing so does not exceed 15% of their annual gross receipts. The annual fee for a nonprofit club permit is \$815.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/02/2021)