



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 263

LCO No. 956



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CLUB PERMIT AND NONPROFIT CLUB PERMIT FEES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 30-22a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) A cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be
5 consumed on the premises of a cafe. The holder of a cafe permit shall
6 keep food available for sale to its customers for consumption on the
7 premises during a majority of the hours such premises are open. The
8 availability of food from outside vendors located on or near the
9 premises shall be deemed compliance with such requirement. The
10 licensed premises shall at all times comply with all the regulations of the
11 local department of health. Nothing herein shall be construed to require
12 that any food be sold or purchased with any alcoholic liquor, nor shall
13 any rule, regulation or standard be promulgated or enforced requiring
14 that the sale of food be substantial or that the receipts of the business
15 other than from the sale of liquor equal any set percentage of total

16 receipts from sales made therein. A cafe permit shall allow, with the
 17 prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, alcoholic
 18 liquor to be served at tables in outside areas that are screened or not
 19 screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health
 20 regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a fence
 21 or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the
 22 Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose
 23 such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. Such permit shall
 24 also authorize the sale at retail from the premises of sealed containers
 25 supplied by the permittee of draught beer for consumption off the
 26 premises. Such sales shall be conducted only during the hours a package
 27 store is permitted to sell alcoholic liquor under the provisions of
 28 subsection (d) of section 30-91. Not more than four liters of such beer
 29 shall be sold to any person on any day on which the sale of alcoholic
 30 liquor is authorized under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-
 31 91. The annual fee for a cafe permit shall be two thousand dollars, except
 32 the annual fee for a cafe permit for a prior holder of a tavern permit
 33 issued pursuant to section 30-26 shall be eight hundred dollars for the
 34 first year, twelve hundred dollars for the second year, one thousand six
 35 hundred dollars for the third year and two thousand dollars for each
 36 year thereafter. The annual fee for a cafe permit for a prior holder of a
 37 club permit or a nonprofit club permit issued pursuant to section 30-23
 38 shall be eight hundred fifteen dollars.

39 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding subsection (f)
 40 of section 21a-4 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Consumer
 41 Protection shall refund to any prior holder of a club permit or a
 42 nonprofit club permit issued pursuant to section 30-23 of the general
 43 statutes the portion of the annual fee paid by such permittee in excess of
 44 eight hundred fifteen dollars, if such excess amount was paid by such
 45 permittee on or after July 1, 2020.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-22a(a)

Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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GL *Joint Favorable*