
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5426 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AGENCIES.

SUMMARY

This bill specifies that while municipalities must allow outdoor dining operations as-of-right (see BACKGROUND), if their operators are liquor licensees or permittees, then they must comply with applicable provisions of title 30 (i.e., the Liquor Control Act). This requirement applies to operations approved pursuant to PA 22-1, § 2, which takes effect May 1, 2023.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which would have made a technical change, with the provision specifying outdoor dining operations must comply with title 30.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2023

BACKGROUND

PA 22-1

PA 22-1 extends by 13 months, until April 30, 2023, the law that broadly permits the continuation of as-of-right outdoor dining and retail activities authorized by the governor's executive orders during the COVID-19 pandemic (§ 1).

It also correspondingly delays, from April 1, 2022, to May 1, 2023, the effective date of provisions requiring municipalities to allow, in perpetuity, outdoor dining as an as-of-right accessory use to a food establishment (§ 2).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 4 (03/25/2022)