



House of Representatives

File No. 420

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5374
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 23, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING BOWLING ESTABLISHMENT PERMITS FOR INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
4 section to the contrary, such sale or dispensing or consumption or
5 presence in glasses in places operating under a bowling establishment
6 permit shall be unlawful before two p.m. on any day, except in that
7 portion of the permit premises which is located in a separate room or
8 rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment,
9 is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times
10 except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any
11 alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a bowling
12 establishment permit shall be served in [transparent] containers such
13 as, but not limited to, [clear] plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of
14 a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during
15 which sales under this subsection shall be permissible.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 30-37c of the general statutes is
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

18 (a) A bowling establishment permit shall allow the retail sale of
19 alcoholic liquor to be consumed on the premises of a commercial
20 bowling establishment containing ten or more lanes. A bowling
21 establishment permit for beer and wine shall allow the retail sale of
22 beer and wine to be consumed on the premises of a commercial
23 bowling establishment containing ten or more lanes. The annual fee for
24 a bowling establishment permit shall be two thousand dollars and for
25 a bowling establishment permit for beer and wine shall be three
26 hundred fifty dollars.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Department of Consumer Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Eliminating the requirement that bowling alleys holding liquor or beer permits serve the liquor or beer in transparent or clear containers will have no fiscal impact on the state or municipalities. Additionally, permitting bowling alleys holding beer permits to serve wine results in no fiscal impact.

House "A" permits those holding beer permits at certain bowling alleys to also serve wine. There is no fiscal impact resulting from this change.

OLR Amended Bill Analysis

sHB 5374 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING BOWLING ESTABLISHMENT LIQUOR PERMIT.**SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the requirement that bowling alleys holding alcoholic liquor or beer permits serve the liquor or beer in transparent or clear containers. It also expands the bowling alley beer permit to allow the sale of wine, while keeping the annual \$350 fee unchanged.

*House Amendment "A" expands the bowling alley beer permit to include the sale of wine.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

BACKGROUND***Bowling Establishment Liquor Permits***

Under current law, bowling alleys with 10 or more lanes may obtain permits to sell alcoholic liquor or beer. There is an annual fee of \$2,000 for an alcohol permit and \$350 for a beer permit.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0