



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6588

LCO No. 3773

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING WINE ORDERED WITH RESTAURANT MEALS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) A restaurant permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor
4 to be consumed on the premises of a restaurant. A restaurant patron
5 may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises consumption
6 provided the patron has ordered and consumed a portion of the bottle
7 of wine with a meal on the restaurant premises. A restaurant permit,
8 with prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, shall
9 allow alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas which are
10 not screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and
11 health regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations,
12 a fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by
13 the Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to
14 enclose such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. The
15 annual fee for a restaurant permit shall be one thousand two hundred
16 dollars.

17 (b) A restaurant permit for beer shall allow the retail sale of beer
18 and of cider not exceeding six per cent of alcohol by volume to be
19 consumed on the premises of a restaurant. The annual fee for a
20 restaurant permit for beer shall be two hundred forty dollars.

21 (c) A restaurant permit for wine and beer shall allow the retail sale
22 of wine and beer and of cider not exceeding six per cent of alcohol by
23 volume to be consumed on the premises of the restaurant. A restaurant
24 patron may remove one unsealed bottle of wine for off-premises
25 consumption provided the patron has ordered and consumed a
26 portion of the bottle of wine with a meal on the restaurant premises.
27 The annual fee for a restaurant permit for wine and beer shall be five
28 hundred sixty dollars.

29 (d) Repealed by P.A. 77-112, S. 1.

30 (e) "Restaurant" means space, in a suitable and permanent building,
31 kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a
32 place where hot meals are regularly served, but which has no sleeping
33 accommodations for the public and which shall be provided with an
34 adequate and sanitary kitchen and dining room and employs at all
35 times an adequate number of employees.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a restaurant patron to remove for off-premises consumption a partially consumed bottle of wine ordered with a restaurant meal.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]