



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6588

January Session, 2003

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 Section 30-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 purchased a full course meal and consumed a
7 portion of the bottle of wine with such meal on the restaurant
8 premises. For the purposes of this section, "full course meal" means a
9 diversified selection of food which ordinarily cannot be consumed
10 without the use of tableware and which cannot be conveniently
11 consumed while standing or walking. A restaurant permit, with prior
12 approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, shall allow
13 alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside areas which are not
14 screened from public view where permitted by fire, zoning and health
15 regulations. If not required by fire, zoning or health regulations, a
16 fence or wall enclosing such outside areas shall not be required by the
17 Department of Consumer Protection. No fence or wall used to enclose
18 such outside areas shall be less than thirty inches high. The annual fee
19 for a restaurant permit shall be one thousand two hundred dollars.

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

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

32 (d) Repealed by P.A. 77-112, S. 1.

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

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

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*