



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6591**

LCO No. 3952

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COFFEE SHOP  
PERMIT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) A coffee shop permit  
2 shall allow the retail sale of coffee-based beverages to which spirits  
3 have been added. All coffee-based beverages to which spirits have  
4 been added shall be served in nondisposable containers by a server for  
5 on-premises consumption by patrons who are either seated at a  
6 counter or table. The permittee shall at all times comply with the  
7 regulations of the local department of health. The annual fee for a  
8 coffee shop permit shall be one hundred dollars.

9 (b) Premises operated under a coffee shop permit shall not be less  
10 than three hundred square feet with seating capacity of ten persons or  
11 more, in a suitable and permanent building, kept, used, maintained,  
12 advertised and held out to the public to be a place where coffee or  
13 coffee-based beverages are served for sale at retail for consumption on  
14 the premises but which place does not necessarily serve hot meals and  
15 has no sleeping accommodations for the public. A coffee shop need not  
16 have a kitchen or dining room.

17 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is  
18 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
19 *October 1, 2003*):

20 (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in  
21 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of  
22 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel  
23 permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, restaurant permits for  
24 catering establishments, bowling establishment permits, racquetball  
25 facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits, coliseum concession  
26 permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting  
27 facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest  
28 permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting  
29 facility bar permits, golf country club permits, nonprofit public  
30 museum permits, university permits, airport restaurant permits,  
31 airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, a  
32 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, casino permits, caterer liquor  
33 permits, coffee shop permits and charitable organization permits shall  
34 be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and  
35 Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2)  
36 Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.;  
37 (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock  
38 a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where  
39 food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this  
40 section for the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino  
41 permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first  
42 between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except  
43 that on any Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section  
44 shall be between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock a.m.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a coffee shop permit to allow for on-premises consumption of coffee-based beverages to which spirits have been added.

*[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.]*