



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 113

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 140

Senate, March 17, 2004

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GROCERY STORE BEER PERMIT PREMISES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of subdivision (6) of section 30-47 and section 30-51 of the
3 general statutes, as amended, a permittee of premises operating under
4 a grocery store beer permit may lease up to fifty per cent of the total
5 square footage of the premises to any person for lawful purposes. The
6 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection shall not issue a
7 permit allowing the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor on any
8 such leased premises and the sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor
9 shall be unlawful on any such leased premises.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
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GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows holders of grocery store beer permits to lease a portion of their premises. The bill would require increased inspections by liquor agents at establishments that have leased a portion of the premises to another party. Additional inspections would result in providing overtime pay for current agents and/or hiring more agents to cover the increased numbers of grocery stores to be inspected. Currently, there are 789 active grocery store beer permits. It is uncertain how many grocery store beer permittees will lease a portion of their premises to another party. The bill results in a minimal cost.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GROCERY STORE BEER PERMIT PREMISES**SUMMARY:**

This bill allows holders of grocery store permits to lease up to 50% of the total square footage of the premises to anyone for any legal reason. The bill authorizes them to do so regardless of the laws that (1) give the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection (DACP) the authority to suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue liquor permits because the applicant has not been given full authority and control of the permit premises and of the conduct of the entire premises and (2) concern the physical separation of the permit premises and the rest of a building in which a premises is located.

The bill prohibits on the leased premises (1) the commissioner from issuing a permit allowing sale or consumption and (2) liquor sale or consumption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0