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House Bill No. 7141

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The Committee on General Law reported through REP. STONE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSITY BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) (1) A university permit for beer shall allow the retail sale of beer
4 on land and in a building which is subject to the care, custody and
5 control of an institution offering a program of higher learning [as
6 defined by section 10a-34] which has been accredited by the Board of
7 Governors of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to award a
8 degree pursuant to section 10a-34. Such beverages shall be available
9 for consumption on the premises by students, faculty and staff of the
10 institution or their guests. Such permits shall be under the supervision
11 and control of the Department of Consumer Protection. The annual fee
12 for a university permit for beer shall be two hundred forty dollars.

13 (2) A university permit for wine and beer shall allow the retail sale

14 of wine and beer on land and in a building which is subject to the care,
 15 custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher
 16 learning [as defined by section 10a-34] which has been accredited by
 17 the Board of Governors of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized
 18 to award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34. Such beverages shall be
 19 available for consumption on the premises by students, faculty and
 20 staff of the institution or their guests. Such permits shall be under the
 21 supervision and control of the Department of Consumer Protection.
 22 The annual fee for a university permit for beer and wine shall be five
 23 hundred sixty dollars.

24 (b) A university liquor permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
 25 liquor; [in] (1) In a room that is subject to the care, custody and control
 26 of The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees, or (2) on land or in
 27 a building attached or adjacent to a golf course which is subject to the
 28 care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher
 29 learning which has been accredited by the Board of Governors of
 30 Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to award a degree
 31 pursuant to section 10a-34. Such permits shall be under the
 32 supervision and control of the Department of Consumer Protection.
 33 The annual fee for a university liquor permit shall be two hundred
 34 forty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	30-20a

GL *Joint Favorable*

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would result in a minimal revenue gain associated with the ability of eligible institutions of higher learning to obtain a permit for alcoholic beverages under newly defined circumstances.

Annually, institutions of higher learning account for \$4,880 in revenue to the state from liquor licenses. It is anticipated that additional revenue generated as a result of this bill would be minimal.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7141*****AN ACT CONCERNING UNIVERSITY BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR PERMITS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill revises the requirements to obtain university liquor permits, university beer permits, and university beer and wine permits.

It allows a holder of a university liquor permit, which allows the sale of all four types alcoholic liquor (alcohol, beer, wine, and spirits), to sell in a building attached or adjacent to a golf course that is under the care and control of an institution offering a program of higher learning that has been (1) accredited by the Board of Governors of Higher Education or (2) otherwise authorized to award a degree according to state law. Under current law, a university liquor permit allows sales only in a room under the care and control of the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees.

The bill revises the requirements for university beer and university beer and wine permits in the same way. Under current law, these permits may be obtained by institutions (1) offering a “program of higher learning” as defined by state law and (2) that have been accredited by the board of governors. The statutes define “program of higher learning” as any course of instruction for which it is stated or implied that college or university-level credit may be given (CGS 10a-34). The bill (1) eliminates the requirement that the programs of higher learning the institutions offer meet the statutory requirements for such programs but keeps the requirement that they be accredited by the Board of Governors and (2) allows institutions that have been otherwise authorized to award a degree according to state law to

obtain the permits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2007

BACKGROUND

Authority to Confer Degrees

No school can (1) operate a program of higher learning unless it has been licensed by the Board of Governors of Higher Education or (2) confer degrees unless it has been accredited by the board and authorized by the General Assembly to do so (CGS § 10a-34).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 1 (02/22/2007)