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House Bill No. 7141
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 13, 2007

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 Section 30-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the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 the
 17 Board of Governors of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to
 18 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 situated on or abutting a golf course which is subject to the
 28 care, custody and control of an institution offering a program of higher
 29 learning, as defined in section 10a-34, which has been accredited by the
 30 Board of Governors of Higher Education or otherwise is authorized to
 31 award a degree pursuant to section 10a-34. Such permits shall be
 32 under the supervision and control of the Department of Consumer
 33 Protection. The annual fee for a university liquor permit shall be two
 34 hundred forty dollars.

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

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

The bill results 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.

House "A" changes the eligibility of what constitutes an eligible piece of land or building for which a university beer, wine, or liquor permit may be obtained, and makes other minor changes, all of which have no additional fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and subject to the number of new university beer, wine, or liquor permits obtained, which cannot be determined at this time.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7141 (as amended by House "A")******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 situated on or abutting 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. 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 bill also allows institutions that have been otherwise authorized to award a degree according to state law to obtain the permits.

*House Amendment "A" (1) reinstates the requirement that the programs of higher education offered by institutions applying for a liquor permit meet the statutory requirements for such programs and

(2) revises where holders of university liquor permits may sell liquor.

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. 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).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 1 (02/22/2007)