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Senate Bill No. 878

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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 bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOL SERVER AND SELLER TRAINING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in its discretion,
4 suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a permit for the sale of
5 alcoholic liquor if it has reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the
6 applicant or permittee appears to be financially irresponsible or
7 neglects to provide for his family, or neglects or is unable to pay his
8 just debts; (2) that the applicant or permittee has been provided with
9 funds by any wholesaler or manufacturer or has any forbidden
10 connection with any other class of permittee as provided in this
11 chapter; (3) that the applicant or permittee is in the habit of using
12 alcoholic beverages to excess; (4) that the applicant or permittee has
13 wilfully made any false statement to the department in a material
14 matter; (5) that the applicant or permittee has been convicted of
15 violating any of the liquor laws of this or any other state or the liquor

16 laws of the United States or has been convicted of a felony as such
 17 term is defined in section 53a-25 or has such a criminal record that the
 18 department reasonably believes he is not a suitable person to hold a
 19 permit, provided no refusal shall be rendered under this subdivision
 20 except in accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-80 and 46a-81;
 21 (6) that the applicant or permittee has not been delegated full authority
 22 and control of the permit premises and of the conduct of all business
 23 on such premises; or (7) that the applicant or permittee has violated
 24 any provision of this chapter or any regulation adopted under this
 25 chapter. Any backer shall be subject to the same disqualifications as
 26 provided in this section in the case of an applicant for a permit or a
 27 permittee.

28 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in his or her
 29 discretion, require a permittee who has had his or her permit for the
 30 sale of alcoholic liquor suspended or revoked pursuant to subsection
 31 (a) of this section to have such permittee's employees participate in an
 32 alcohol seller and server training program approved by the
 33 commissioner. The commissioner may require proof of completion of
 34 the program from the permittee prior to reactivation or reissuance of
 35 such permit.

36 (c) In lieu of suspending or revoking a permit for the sale of
 37 alcoholic liquor pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the
 38 commissioner may require a permittee to have such permittee's
 39 employees participate in an alcohol seller and server training program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2008	30-47

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to require a liquor permittee, if previously suspended, to attend an alcohol server training program before the permit is reissued. Proof of this training may also be accepted in lieu of suspension. There is no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 878*****AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOL SERVER AND SELLER TRAINING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to require a liquor permittee whose permit was suspended or revoked to have his or her employees participate in an alcohol server training program approved by the commissioner. The commissioner may require proof that the program has been completed before reinstating or reissuing the permit. The bill also allows the commissioner to require such training in lieu of suspending or revoking a permit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

BACKGROUND***Suspending or Revoking Liquor Permits***

The law authorizes DCP to suspend, revoke, or refuse to grant or renew a permit to sell liquor if it has reasonable cause to believe, among other things, that the applicant or permittee violated the Liquor Control Act or its implementing regulations and for certain other acts. These include (1) financial irresponsibility, (2) taking money from a manufacturer or distributor, (3) habitually of over-indulging, (4) willfully making a false statement to DCP in a material matter, or (5) conviction for a federal or state liquor law violation (CGS § 30-47).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/14/2007)