
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 458

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND THE RENEWAL OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS.

SUMMARY:

This bill allows, from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013, a qualifying municipality to require anyone renewing a liquor permit with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) that allows on-premise alcohol consumption to give written notice to the municipality's chief law enforcement official. It also requires the DCP commissioner to submit a report to certain legislative committees on his findings and recommendations on the notification requirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2012

NOTICE

The bill allows a qualifying municipality to require anyone filing a liquor permit renewal application with DCP that allows on-premise alcohol consumption to simultaneously give written notice of the application to the municipality's chief law enforcement official. Within 15 days of notice, the official may respond in writing to the DCP commissioner with comments on the application. DCP must consider the comments before renewing the permit.

QUALIFYING MUNICIPALITY

A qualifying municipality is one that has (1) a population between 122,000 and 124,000 people, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau 2009 population estimates; (2) been incorporated by a special act; and (3) a mayor and city council or board of alderman form of government.

REPORT ON LIQUOR PERMIT RENEWALS

By February 1, 2014, the DCP commissioner must submit a report to the General Law, Planning and Development, and Public Safety and

Security committees. The report must include:

1. the number of written comments submitted by law enforcement officials or their designees;
2. copies of the comments;
3. a summary of actions taken by DCP in granting or denying any liquor permit renewal application that was subject to the notice requirement; and
4. the DCP commissioner's conclusions and recommendations, after consulting with the chief law enforcement official of each qualifying municipality about continuing the notice requirement.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12 Nay 3 (03/03/2011)