



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Senate Bill 458 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS.

This bill would allow local police personnel to be involved in the renewal process of alcoholic liquor permits.

House Bill 5739 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITS.

This bill would require local police chiefs to approve new and renewed local alcoholic liquor permits.

CCM supports both S.B. 458 and H.B. 5739.

Current law only requires local public safety officials' approval for granting temporary permits – S.B. 458 and H.B. 5739 would therefore, ensure such local officials are included throughout each crucial step of the alcoholic liquor permitting process. Both proposals would be reasonable means of enhancing the quality of life that our dedicated public safety officials strive to protect on a day-to-day basis.

CCM urges the committee to ***favorably report*** both S.B. 458 and H.B. 5739.

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