



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6405

House of Representatives, March 25, 2013

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BARROOM PARTITIONS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of
2 Consumer Protection shall, pursuant to section 30-6a of the general
3 statutes, amend the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to:
5 (1) Allow the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or his or her
6 designee, to grant an exemption from the requirement that premises
7 operating pursuant to restaurant and cafe permits have separate toilet
8 facilities for men and women which may be reached without passing
9 through the barroom, and (2) add a provision that, during said
10 department's plan review for new applications for restaurant and cafe
11 permits, the applicant may request and said department may grant an
12 exception to the effective separation requirement regarding separation
13 of the dining room or lounge from the barroom where the cafe is to
14 consist of more than one public room.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Consumer Protection in amending regulations concerning barroom partitions as the agency has expertise in the area.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to amend its regulations to allow the DCP commissioner, or his designee, to exempt a restaurant and café permittee from the requirement of having separate toilet facilities for men and women that may be reached without passing the barroom.

DCP must also amend its regulations to allow an applicant to request and the department to grant an exception to the effective separation requirement during the department's plan review for new applications for restaurant and café permits. The separation requirement mandates separating the dining room or lounge from the barroom if the café consists of more than one public room.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)