



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5538

LCO No. 2323



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING JUICE BARS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "juice bar or similar facility" means an
4 area within a permit premises in which nonalcoholic beverages are
5 served to minors, and "permit premises" means premises operated
6 under a cafe permit.

7 (b) The holder of a cafe permit may operate a juice bar or similar
8 facility at a permit premises if the juice bar or similar facility is limited
9 to a room or rooms or separate area within the permit premises
10 wherein there is no sale, consumption, dispensing or presence of
11 alcoholic liquor.

12 [(b)] (c) The holder of a cafe permit shall [notify, in writing, or by
13 facsimile,] provide written notice to the chief law enforcement officer
14 of the town in which such permit premises is located in advance of

15 specific dates and hours of any scheduled event at which the permit
16 premises or a portion thereof will be used [as] to operate a juice bar or
17 similar facility. Such notice shall be sent (1) by certified mail, or by
18 electronic mail to the designated electronic mail address for the chief
19 law enforcement officer, and (2) in a manner so it is received by such
20 chief law enforcement officer not [later than forty-eight hours] less
21 than five days, and not more than thirty days, prior to the date of such
22 scheduled event. The chief law enforcement officer of the town in
23 which such permit premises is located may designate [a] one or more
24 law enforcement [officer] officers to attend any such scheduled event
25 at the cost of such permit holder.

26 [(c)] (d) Nothing in this section shall exempt the holder of a cafe
27 permit from compliance with any other provisions of the general
28 statutes or regulations of Connecticut state agencies concerning
29 minors, including, but not limited to, the prohibition against the sale of
30 alcoholic liquor to minors. The presence of alcoholic liquor or the sale
31 or dispensing to or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor at a
32 juice bar or similar facility is prohibited. A permittee or agent or
33 employee of a permittee who operates a juice bar or similar facility at a
34 permit premises may only serve alcoholic liquor during the hours of
35 operation of such juice bar or similar facility to a person who is
36 twenty-one years of age or older and who is wearing a conspicuous
37 wristband that has been issued by the permittee or agent or employee
38 of the permittee to indicate that the permittee or agent or employee of
39 the permittee has verified that such person is twenty-one years of age
40 or older.

41 (e) Any permittee or agent or employee of a permittee convicted of a
42 violation of any provision of this section shall (1) for a first offense, be
43 fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, for a second
44 offense, be fined not more than five thousand dollars, and for a third
45 or subsequent offense, be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or
46 (2) be imprisoned not more than one year, or (3) be both fined and
47 imprisoned.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	30-22c

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance public safety by strengthening notice and enforcement requirements for cafe permittees who operate juice bars or similar facilities where nonalcoholic beverages are served to minors.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]