



Substitute House Bill No. 5538

Public Act No. 14-181

AN ACT CONCERNING JUICE BARS.

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

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 Section 30-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

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

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

[(b)] (c) The holder of a cafe permit shall [notify, in writing, or by facsimile,] provide written notice to the chief law enforcement officer of the town in which such permit premises is located in advance of specific dates and hours of any scheduled event at which the permit premises or a portion thereof will be used [as] to operate a juice bar or similar facility. Such notice shall be sent (1) by certified mail, or by

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electronic mail to the designated electronic mail address for the chief law enforcement officer, and (2) in a manner so it is received by such chief law enforcement officer not [later than forty-eight hours] less than five days, and not more than thirty days, prior to the date of such scheduled event. The chief law enforcement officer of the town in which such permit premises is located may designate [a] one or more law enforcement [officer] officers to attend any such scheduled event at the cost of such permit holder.

[(c)] (d) Nothing in this section shall exempt the holder of a cafe permit from compliance with any other provisions of the general statutes or regulations of Connecticut state agencies concerning minors, including, but not limited to, the prohibition against the sale of alcoholic liquor to minors. The presence of alcoholic liquor or the sale or dispensing to or consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor at a juice bar or similar facility is prohibited.

(e) A permittee or agent or employee of a permittee who operates a juice bar or similar facility at a permit premises may serve alcoholic liquor during the hours of operation of such juice bar or similar facility only to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older and who is wearing a conspicuous wristband that has been issued to the person wearing it by the permittee or agent or employee of the permittee to indicate that the permittee or agent or employee of the permittee has verified that such person is twenty-one years of age or older.

(f) Any permittee or agent or employee of a permittee convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall (1) (A) for a first offense, be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, (B) for a second offense, be fined not more than five thousand dollars, and (C) for a third or subsequent offense, be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or (2) be imprisoned not more than one year for a first, second, third or subsequent offense, or (3) be both fined and imprisoned.

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