



# Senate

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**File No. 184**

Senate Bill No. 83

*Senate, March 31, 2014*

The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL NOTICE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT RENEWALS.***

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Each person who files an  
2 application pursuant to section 30-39 of the general statutes for  
3 renewal of a liquor permit that allows on-premises serving or  
4 consumption of alcoholic liquor shall simultaneously give written  
5 notice of such liquor permit renewal application to the chief law  
6 enforcement official or such chief law enforcement official's designee  
7 of the town in which the place of business to be operated under such  
8 permit is located. Such chief law enforcement official or his or her  
9 designee may respond in writing, not later than fifteen days after  
10 receipt of such notice, to the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,  
11 with comments regarding the renewal application that is the subject of  
12 such notice. The commissioner shall consider any written comments  
13 offered by such chief law enforcement official or his or her designee  
14 prior to approving such application.

15 (b) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Consumer  
 16 Protection shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
 17 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
 18 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to local government,  
 19 public safety and security and alcoholic beverages. Such report shall  
 20 include, but not be limited to: (1) The number of written comments  
 21 submitted by chief law enforcement officials or their designees under  
 22 subsection (a) of this section, (2) copies of such written comments, if  
 23 any, (3) a summary of actions taken by the Department of Consumer  
 24 Protection regarding the granting or denial of any liquor permit  
 25 renewal applications subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
 26 section, and (4) the commissioner's conclusions and recommendations,  
 27 after consultation with such chief law enforcement officials or their  
 28 designees, regarding the notice requirement contained in subsection  
 29 (a) of this section.

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

**GL**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill requires any business renewing a liquor license to notify the municipality in which it does business, and allows such municipality to submit testimony concerning the license renewal request to the Department of Consumer Protection. This has no fiscal impact.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 83*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL NOTICE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMIT RENEWALS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires anyone renewing a liquor permit for on-premises alcohol consumption with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to give simultaneous written notice of the application to the chief law enforcement official or his or her designee in the town where the business is located. The chief law enforcement official or designee may send written comments on the application to the DCP commissioner within 15 days after receiving the notice. The commissioner must consider any such written comments before approving the application.

The bill requires the commissioner to submit a report, by January 1, 2015, 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 any written comments;
3. a summary of actions DCP took regarding the granting or denial of any liquor permit renewal applications subject to the bill's notice requirement; and
4. the commissioner's conclusions and recommendations, after consulting with the chief law enforcement officials or their designees, about the liquor renewal notice requirement.

A pilot program implementing the bill's requirements is operating in New Haven through June 30, 2014.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11    Nay 6    (03/13/2014)