



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 828

LCO No. 4838



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES WITH HIGH POPULATION DENSITIES TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) The Department of
2 Consumer Protection shall not grant or renew a permit for the sale of
3 alcoholic liquor in a municipality having a population density of more
4 than six thousand persons per square mile, as enumerated in the most
5 recent federal decennial census of the population, unless the legislative
6 body of the municipality has, by a favorable vote of its legislative
7 body, determined that: (1) The number of alcoholic liquor permit
8 premises in the municipality is such that the granting or renewal of the
9 permit is not detrimental to the public interest, considering the
10 character, population, number of like permits and number of all
11 permits existent in the municipality and the effect which the new or
12 renewed permit may have on the municipality, and (2) for permit
13 renewals, the permit premises has not been operated in a manner that
14 has negatively impacted public health or safety.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect the public by requiring the legislative body of high population density municipalities to make certain determinations prior to the Department of Consumer Protection issuing or renewing a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor.

[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.]

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