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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LIQUOR PERMIT OWNERSHIP AND THE
NUMBER OF OWNERS AUTHORIZED FOR SUCH PERMITS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-48a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2016*):

3 (a) No person, and no backer as defined in section 30-1, shall, except
4 as hereinafter provided, acquire an interest in more than [three] six
5 alcoholic beverage retail permits, but nothing herein shall (1) require
6 any such person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest in more than
7 two such permits to surrender, dispose of or release his or her interest
8 in any such permit or permits nor shall it affect his or her right to
9 continue to hold, use and renew such permits, or (2) prohibit any such
10 person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest in more than two such
11 permits from transferring his or her interest in such permits by inter
12 vivos or testamentary disposition, including living trusts, to his or her
13 spouse or child, or such spouse's or child's living trust or prohibit such
14 spouse or child from accepting such a transfer notwithstanding that
15 such spouse or child may already hold another permit issued under

16 the provisions of this chapter. Any such permit so transferred may be
17 renewed by such transferee under the provisions of section 30-14a.
18 Except as provided in subdivision (1), a person shall be deemed to
19 acquire an interest in a retail permit if an interest is owned by such
20 person, such person's spouse, children, partners, or an estate, trust, or
21 corporation controlled by such person or such person's spouse,
22 children, or any combination thereof. The provisions of this subsection
23 shall apply to any such interest without regard to whether such
24 interest is a controlling interest. For the purposes of this subsection,
25 "person" means (A) an individual, (B) a corporation or any subsidiary
26 of a corporation, or (C) any combination of corporations or individuals
27 any of whom, or any combination of whom, owns or controls, directly
28 or indirectly, more than five per cent of any entity which is a backer as
29 defined in said section 30-1.

30 (b) A retail permit for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section
31 means a package store liquor permit or a druggist liquor permit.

32 (c) Membership in any organization which is or may become the
33 holder of a club permit shall not constitute acquisition of an interest in
34 a retail permit.

35 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section or of any
36 regulation issued pursuant hereto shall be fined not less than fifty
37 dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars and any permit issued
38 in violation of this section shall be revoked.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	30-48a

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the number of authorized alcoholic beverage retail permits from three to six.

[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.]