



General Assembly

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Governor's Bill No. 14

LCO No. 639



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Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

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**AN ACT ENSURING THE REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS OF
CONNECTICUT'S LIQUOR PRICES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-68m of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Cost" for a retail permittee means (A) for alcoholic liquor other
5 than beer, the [posted bottle price from the wholesaler] actual cost paid
6 per bottle by the retail permittee to the wholesaler, plus any charge for
7 shipping or delivery to the retail permittee's place of business paid by
8 the retail permittee, [in addition to the posted price,] and (B) for beer,
9 the lowest posted price during the month in which the retail permittee
10 is selling plus any charge for shipping or delivery to the retail
11 permittee's place of business paid by the retail permittee in addition to
12 the price originally paid by the retail permittee; and

13 (2) "Retail permittee" means the holder of a permit allowing the sale
14 of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption. [; and]

15 [(3) "Bottle price" means the price per unit of the contents of any
16 case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer, and shall be arrived at by
17 dividing the case price by the number of units or bottles making up
18 such case price and adding to the quotient an amount that is not less
19 than the following: A unit or bottle one-half pint or two hundred
20 milliliters or less, two cents; a unit or bottle more than one-half pint or
21 two hundred milliliters but not more than one pint or five hundred
22 milliliters, four cents; and a unit or bottle greater than one pint or five
23 hundred milliliters, eight cents.]

24 (b) No retail permittee shall sell alcoholic liquor at a price below his
25 or her cost.

26 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
27 a retail permittee may sell one beer item identified by a stock-keeping
28 unit number or one item of alcoholic liquor other than beer identified
29 by a stock-keeping unit number below his or her cost each month,
30 provided the item is not sold at less than ninety per cent of such retail
31 permittee's cost. A retail permittee who intends to sell an item below
32 cost pursuant to this subsection shall notify the Department of
33 Consumer Protection of such sale not later than the second day of the
34 month such item will be offered for sale.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2016	30-68m

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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.]