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### Testimony of Michelle Seagull Commissioner of Consumer Protection

### Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing, March 6, 2019

#### **H.B. 6940 “AN ACT AUTHORIZING EXTENDED LIQUOR SALES IN DESIGNATED NIGHTLIFE ENTERTAINMENT ZONES”**

Senator Cassano, Senator Champagne, Representative McCarthy Vahey, Representative Zawistowski and Honorable Members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony about H.B. 6940, An Act Extending Liquor Sales in Designated Nightlife Entertainment Zones.

This proposed legislation would allow for municipalities to create entertainment zones, where certain liquor licenses could obtain extended permits to sell alcoholic liquor until 4:00 a.m. While the intent of this proposal is appreciated, should this bill become law, the Department would need to hire additional staff in order to ensure the health and safety of the public.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide input about House Bill 6940. Please contact our Legislative Director, Leslie O’Brien, if you have any questions.