



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 647**

LCO No. 2159



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:  
SEN. WITKOS, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT STREAMLINING THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT.**

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

1 That title 30 of the general statutes be amended to (1) reduce the  
2 number of manufacturer permits to three; one for beer, one for wine  
3 and cider and one for liquor, (2) reduce the number of permits for  
4 retail sales for on-premises consumption from seventy-two to twelve,  
5 (3) increase the limit on the sale of beer for off-premises consumption  
6 from nine liters per day to twenty-three liters per day, (4) increase the  
7 limit on the sale of liquor for off-premises consumption for distilleries  
8 from one and one-half liters to three liters, (5) increase the number of  
9 additional stock-keeping units for retail permittees from one to five, (6)  
10 apply the excise tax to the sale of beer at a tap room, (7) allow the sale  
11 of beer in a store with over six thousand square feet of floor space, at  
12 least twenty per cent of which is dedicated primarily to the sale of  
13 groceries, (8) require brew pubs engaged in self-distribution to make  
14 the self-distributed product available, with reasonable limitations, to  
15 all package store owners in the geographical region in which the brew  
16 pub distributes, and (9) apply the bottle deposit tax to all cans and  
17 bottles that originate from any manufacturer in the state and allow for

18 reimbursement of the tax on such cans and bottles.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To streamline the permitting process as it relates to the sale of alcoholic liquor and to modernize the Liquor Control Act.