OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7182

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MACHINES.

SUMMARY

This bill allows alcoholic liquor permittees authorized to serve alcohol for on-premises consumption to use an automated machine to serve beer, cider with up to 6% alcohol by volume, and wine.

Under the bill, the automated machine, upon the permittee's activation of a payment card, may be operated to dispense beer, cider, and wine to a (1) permittee's employee who is authorized to serve alcohol or (2) person the permittee, or presumably his or her employee, has verified to be age 21 or older who shows a government-issued identification card that matches the name on the payment card. The permittee or employee must record the verification that the person is at least age 21.

Under the bill, automated machines cannot dispense a serving of more than 32 ounces of beer or cider or 10 ounces of wine before the permittee or employee must reactivate the payment card.

Current regulations prohibit the use of an alcoholic liquor self-service system, where a customer serves himself or herself, except as allowed under a hotel guest bar permit (Conn. Agencies Reg., 30-6-A28(c)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 14 Nay 2 (03/05/2019)