Bill No.: HB-7182
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MACHINES.
Vote Date: 3/5/2019
Vote Action: JOINT FAVORABLE
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
This bill will allow certain premises to have a self-serve alcohol machine for beer and wine. Self-serve machines cannot serve more than 32 ounces of beer and 10 ounces of wine before a permittee or employee reactivate the payment card. The self-serve alcohol machine trend would be catalyst for economic development and there are case studies that show this to have a positive impact on local economy. This also allows for a sampling of a variety of beers and wine.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Edward Berardi, Waterbury, CT:
Mr. Berardi stated that 43 states currently allow for Self-Pouring Alcohol Technology. The machine is suited for those patrons who would like to sample a variety of different beers or wines. The machine is not for those patrons who would get heavily intoxicated. Many beer festivals currently use the technology to allow for sampling. The technology also has safety measures to be sure it is an enjoyable experience. This also could promote local producers.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Sunpreet Singh:
Mr. Singh states that this bill is an affront to small businesses and entrepreneurship in favor of large corporations. It will stifle small business growth and bring about the loss of jobs in our state.

Reported by: Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk          Date: 03/8/2019