



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1257



Referred to Committee on GENERAL LAW

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETAIL PERMITS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-48a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) No person, and no backer as defined in section 30-1, shall, except
4 as provided in this section, acquire an interest in more than four
5 alcoholic beverage retail permits, except that on and after July 1, [2016]
6 2020, such person or backer may acquire an interest in no more than
7 [five] six alcoholic beverage retail permits, but nothing in this section
8 shall (1) require any such person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest
9 in more than two such permits to surrender, dispose of or release his or
10 her interest in any such permit or permits nor shall it affect his or her
11 right to continue to hold, use and renew such permits, or (2) prohibit
12 any such person who had, on June 8, 1981, such interest in more than
13 two such permits from transferring his or her interest in such permits
14 by inter vivos or testamentary disposition, including living trusts, to his
15 or her spouse or child, or such spouse's or child's living trust or prohibit
16 such spouse or child from accepting such a transfer notwithstanding

17 that such spouse or child may already hold another permit issued under
18 the provisions of this chapter. Any such permit so transferred may be
19 renewed by such transferee under the provisions of section 30-14a.
20 Except as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, a person shall
21 be deemed to acquire an interest in a retail permit if an interest is owned
22 by such person, such person's spouse, children, partners, or an estate,
23 trust, or corporation controlled by such person or such person's spouse,
24 children, or any combination thereof. The provisions of this subsection
25 shall apply to any such interest without regard to whether such interest
26 is a controlling interest. For the purposes of this subsection, "person"
27 means (A) an individual, (B) a corporation or any subsidiary of a
28 corporation, or (C) any combination of corporations or individuals any
29 of whom, or any combination of whom, owns or controls, directly or
30 indirectly, more than five per cent of any entity which is a backer as
31 defined in said section 30-1.

32 (b) A retail permit for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section
33 means a package store liquor permit or a druggist liquor permit.

34 (c) Membership in any organization which is or may become the
35 holder of a club permit shall not constitute acquisition of an interest in
36 a retail permit.

37 (d) Any person who violates any provision of this section or of any
38 regulation adopted pursuant to this section shall be fined not less than
39 fifty dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars and any permit
40 issued in violation of this section shall be revoked.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	30-48a
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the number of alcoholic beverage retail permits a person or backer may acquire an interest in.

[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.]