



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6610**

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE BY RESTAURANTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section,  
2 "food establishment" means a food establishment that is licensed or  
3 permitted to operate pursuant to section 19a-36i of the general statutes,  
4 and "municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a of  
5 the general statutes.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, special act,  
7 municipal charter or ordinance, the zoning commission of each  
8 municipality shall allow any licensee or permittee of a food  
9 establishment operating in such municipality to engage in outdoor food  
10 and beverage service as an accessory use of such food establishment's  
11 permitted use until March 31, 2022. Such accessory use shall be allowed  
12 as of right, subject only to any required administrative site plan review  
13 to determine conformance with zoning requirements not contemplated  
14 by this section.

15 (c) Any such licensee or permittee may engage in outdoor food and  
16 beverage service (1) on public sidewalks and other pedestrian pathways  
17 abutting the area permitted for principal use and on which vehicular  
18 access is not allowed, (A) provided a pathway (i) constructed in

