

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-6460

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF EXTENDING ALCOHOLIC

Title: LIQUOR SERVICE HOURS AT GAMING AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS.

Vote Date: 3/9/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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File No.: 137

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

To study extending the alcoholic liquor services hour at gaming and other establishments

JFS LANGUAGE:

Changes the language from Department of Consumer Protection to the Liquor Control Commission.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Michelle Seagull, Commissioner, Consumer Protection testified on the bill. The Commissioner recommended that this bill be revised to charge the Liquor Control Commission conduct such studies.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Rodney Butler, Chairman, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation testified in support of the bill. The bill provides the foundation for ongoing discussions to keeping our entertainment venues competitive.

Jason Guyot, President, Resort Operations, Foxwoods Resort testified in support of the bill. As a full service resort we compete with gaming facilities in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. We are at a disadvantage because of our narrow liquor service hours. We believe that extending liquor service hours to 4 a.m. will increase our slot revenue.

Raymond P. Pineault, CFO, Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment testified in support of the bill. This bill keeps Connecticut competitive. The pandemic has ravaged industries across the state but particularly on the entertainment industry. The study is important and necessary to our recovery. Many of our customers are second shift workers who get off work at 11:00 p.m. or midnight and want to come to our establishment for entertainment and relaxation. With the limited liquor hours of Connecticut these customers become incentive to visit the New York or Massachusetts venues. We want the consumer to come to our resort because we offer what in-state venue that is better than what is offered somewhere else.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

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