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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOLIC
LIQUOR AND INFUSED BEVERAGE REGULATION.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 For the purposes of this section and sections 21a-425a and 21a-425b:

4 (1) "Cannabis" means marijuana, as defined in section 21a-240;

5 (2) "Cannabis establishment" has the same meaning as provided in
6 section 21a-420;

7 (3) "Cannabis product" has the same meaning as provided in section
8 21a-420;

9 (4) "Cannabis testing laboratory" has the same meaning as provided
10 in section 21a-408;

11 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer

12 Protection;

13 (6) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;

14 (7) "Container" (A) means [an object] a child-resistant can or bottle
15 that is offered, intended for sale or sold to a consumer and directly
16 contains an infused beverage, and (B) does not include an object or
17 packaging that indirectly contains, or contains in bulk for transportation
18 purposes, an infused beverage;

19 (8) "Cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;

20 (9) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;

21 (10) "Dispensary facility" has the same meaning as provided in
22 section 21a-420;

23 (11) "Food and beverage manufacturer" has the same meaning as
24 provided in section 21a-420;

25 (12) "Hemp" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-61l;

26 (13) "Hemp producer" means producer, as defined in section 22-61l;

27 (14) "Hemp products" has the same meaning as provided in section
28 22-61l;

29 (15) "Hybrid retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section
30 21a-420;

31 (16) "Infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an alcoholic
32 beverage, as defined in section 30-1, (B) is intended for human
33 consumption, and (C) contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for
34 sale as containing, total THC that is not greater than three milligrams
35 per container;

36 (17) "Infused beverage manufacturer" means a person licensed by the
37 Commissioner of Consumer Protection pursuant to section 21a-425a;

38 (18) "Legacy infused beverage" means a beverage that (A) is not an
39 alcoholic beverage, as defined in section 30-1, (B) is intended for human
40 consumption, (C) contains, or is advertised, labeled or offered for sale
41 as containing, THC, as defined in section 21a-240, and (D) as of June 30,
42 2024, is in compliance with (i) the provisions of RERACA, as defined in
43 section 21a-420, and (ii) the policies and procedures issued by the
44 Commissioner of Consumer Protection to implement, and any
45 regulations adopted pursuant to, RERACA, as defined in section 21a-
46 420;

47 (19) "Micro-cultivator" has the same meaning as provided in section
48 21a-420;

49 (20) "Manufacturer hemp product" has the same meaning as
50 provided in section 22-61l;

51 (21) "Producer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;

52 (22) "Product manufacturer" has the same meaning as provided in
53 section 21a-420;

54 (23) "Retailer" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-420;
55 and

56 (24) "Total THC" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-
57 240.

58 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 30-14 of the general statutes
59 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
60 *October 1, 2025*):

61 (a) Each permit shall be a purely personal privilege that is revocable
62 in the discretion of the Department of Consumer Protection, and subject
63 to appeal, as provided in section 30-55. Except as otherwise provided in
64 the general statutes, including, but not limited to, subdivision (2) of
65 subsection (a) of section 30-19f, as amended by this act, and sections 30-
66 35, 30-37g and 30-37u, each permit shall expire annually. No permit

67 shall constitute property, be subject to attachment and execution or be
68 alienable, except a permit shall descend to the estate of a deceased
69 permittee by the laws of testate or intestate succession. An airline permit
70 issued under section 30-28a or a cafe permit issued under subsection (h)
71 of section 30-22a shall be granted to the airline corporation or railway
72 corporation and not to any person, and the corporation shall be the
73 permittee.

74 (b) Any permit in this part, except a permit issued under subdivision
75 (2) of subsection (a) of section 30-19f, as amended by this act, and
76 sections 30-35, 30-37g and 30-37u, may be issued for a continuous period
77 of not more than six consecutive calendar months, at two-thirds of
78 regular fees, but rebate of fees shall not be permitted for any unexpired
79 portion of the term of a permit revoked by reason of a violation of any
80 provision of this chapter.

81 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 30-19f of the general statutes is
82 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
83 *1, 2025*):

84 (a) (1) An annual in-state transporter's permit for alcoholic liquor
85 shall allow the commercial transportation of any alcoholic liquor and,
86 with the approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, the
87 provision or sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption in a boat engaged
88 in the transportation of passengers for hire or a motor vehicle in livery
89 service, as permitted by law. One permit shall cover all such boats or
90 vehicles that are under common control, direction, management or
91 ownership. When applying for such approval, in a form and manner
92 prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the owner of
93 any such boat or vehicle in which the sale or consumption of alcoholic
94 liquor will be available shall specifically identify to the department each
95 such boat or vehicle. The [annual] fee for an annual in-state transporter's
96 liquor permit shall be one thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the
97 first boat or vehicle and an additional annual fee of two hundred dollars
98 for each additional boat or vehicle.

99 (2) A daily in-state transporter's permit for alcoholic liquor shall
 100 allow the commercial transportation of any alcoholic liquor and, with
 101 the approval of the department, the provision or sale of alcoholic liquor
 102 for consumption in a boat engaged in the transportation of passengers
 103 for hire or a motor vehicle in livery service, as permitted by law. One
 104 permit shall cover all such boats or vehicles that are under common
 105 control, direction, management or ownership. When applying for such
 106 approval, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, the
 107 owner of any such boat or vehicle in which the sale or consumption of
 108 alcoholic liquor will be available shall specifically identify to the
 109 department each such boat or vehicle. The fee for a daily in-state
 110 transporter's liquor permit shall be one hundred fifty dollars per boat or
 111 vehicle. Not more than eight daily in-state transporter's liquor permits
 112 shall be issued to any one backer pursuant to this section per calendar
 113 year. During the calendar year in which a daily in-state transporter's
 114 liquor permit is issued to a permittee pursuant to this subdivision, the
 115 permittee may apply to the department, in a form and manner
 116 prescribed by the commissioner, to convert such daily in-state
 117 transporter's liquor permit to an annual in-state transporter's liquor
 118 permit. The effective date of such annual in-state transporter's liquor
 119 permit shall be the effective date of the first daily in-state transporter's
 120 liquor permit that was issued to such applicant during such calendar
 121 year. The fee for such annual in-state transporter's liquor permit shall be
 122 the fee established in subdivision (1) of this subsection less the total fees
 123 such applicant paid for daily in-state transporter's liquor permits during
 124 such calendar year, except no rebate shall be issued to such applicant if
 125 the total fees such applicant paid for daily in-state transporter's liquor
 126 permits during such calendar year exceeds the fee established in
 127 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

128 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 30-20 of the general statutes is
 129 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 130 *1, 2025*):

131 (a) For the purposes of this section, "grocery store" (1) means any

132 store that (A) is commonly known as a delicatessen, food store, grocery
 133 store or supermarket, and (B) [is primarily engaged in the retail sale of]
 134 derives more than fifty per cent of such store's retail sales from any
 135 combination of dairy products, eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables,
 136 meat, seafood, bakery products and various canned or dry goods [and
 137 dry goods] such as coffee, flour, spices, sugar and tea, whether packaged
 138 or in bulk, [regardless of whether] except no such store [sells] shall be
 139 required to sell fresh fruits and vegetables or [fresh, prepared or smoked
 140 fish,] poultry, meat [and poultry] or seafood, and (2) does not include
 141 any store that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of one category of
 142 food items such as bakery products, [candy, nuts and] candies,
 143 confectionaries, dairy products, [eggs and poultry,] fruits and
 144 vegetables, meat, poultry or seafood.

145 Sec. 5. Section 30-22b of the general statutes is repealed and the
 146 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

147 (a) For the purposes of this section:

148 (1) "Catering establishment" means any premises that (A) has an
 149 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to
 150 provide hot meals, (B) has no sleeping accommodations for the public,
 151 (C) is owned or operated by any person who, or business entity that, (i)
 152 regularly furnishes for hire on such premises one or more ballrooms,
 153 reception rooms, dining rooms, banquet halls or similar places of
 154 assemblage for a particular function, occasion or event, or (ii) furnishes,
 155 provisions and services for consumption or use at any function, occasion
 156 or event described in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision, and (D)
 157 employs an adequate number of employees on such premises at the time
 158 of any function, occasion or event described in subparagraph (C)(i) of
 159 this subdivision; and

160 (2) "Qualified managed residential community" means a managed
 161 residential community, as defined in section 19a-693, that (A) has an
 162 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to

163 provide hot meals, (B) provides daily meals in the dining room
164 described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C) exclusively
165 serves meals to (i) residents of the managed residential community and
166 their guests, and (ii) employees of the managed residential community.

167 ~~[(a)]~~ (b) (1) A restaurant permit for a catering establishment or
168 qualified managed residential community shall allow a catering
169 establishment or a qualified managed residential community to serve
170 alcoholic liquor at a function, occasion or event on the premises of [a]
171 the catering establishment, or at the daily scheduled meals on the
172 premises of the qualified managed residential community, provided
173 ~~[(1)]~~ (A) alcoholic liquor shall be sold only to persons invited to and
174 attending such [a] function, occasion, ~~[or]~~ event or meals, and ~~[(2)]~~ (B)
175 alcoholic liquor shall be sold only during the specific hours such
176 function, occasion or event is, or meals are, scheduled on [the] such
177 premises. The permittee shall comply with the regulations of the local
178 department of health.

179 (2) The department may waive the requirements of [subdivisions (1)
180 and (2)] subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection
181 (A) for not more than sixteen functions, occasions or events of a catering
182 establishment annually, provided such establishment makes written
183 application to the department at least ten days prior to the scheduled
184 date of the function, occasion or event for which a waiver is sought, and
185 (B) permanently for a qualified managed residential community,
186 provided such community offers alcoholic beverages exclusively with
187 daily scheduled meals on the premises of such community.

188 (3) The annual fee for a restaurant permit for a catering establishment
189 or qualified managed residential community shall be one thousand four
190 hundred fifty dollars.

191 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any
192 catering establishment operated under a restaurant permit for a catering
193 establishment or qualified managed residential community be open for

194 business to the public at any time other than when a particular function,
195 occasion or event is scheduled on such premises.

196 [(c)] (d) No organization eligible for a club or nonprofit club permit,
197 or other entity established primarily to serve its members, shall be
198 eligible for a restaurant permit for a catering establishment or qualified
199 managed residential community.

200 [(d) "Catering establishment" means any premises that (1) has an
201 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to
202 provide hot meals, (2) has no sleeping accommodations for the public,
203 (3) is owned or operated by any person who, or business entity that, (A)
204 regularly furnishes for hire on such premises one or more ballrooms,
205 reception rooms, dining rooms, banquet halls or similar places of
206 assemblage for a particular function, occasion or event, or (B) furnishes
207 provisions and services for consumption or use at any function, occasion
208 or event described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (4)
209 employs an adequate number of employees on such premises at the time
210 of any function, occasion or event described in subparagraph (A) of
211 subdivision (3) of this subsection.]

212 Sec. 6. Section 30-37j of the general statutes is repealed and the
213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

214 (a) For the purposes of this section, "meal" means any combination of
215 appetizers, entrees or desserts that is reasonably capable of satisfying
216 hunger.

217 [(a)] (b) A caterer liquor permit shall allow a person [regularly]
218 primarily engaged in the business of providing [food and beverages]
219 meals to others for service at private gatherings or at special events to
220 sell and serve alcoholic liquor for on-premises consumption with or
221 without the provision of [food] meals at any activity, event or function
222 for which such person has been hired, pursuant to a contract between
223 the holder of the caterer liquor permit and the hiring party. The holder
224 of a caterer liquor permit shall not engage in self-dealing or self-hiring

225 in order to generate catering events. The annual fee for a caterer liquor
226 permit shall be four hundred forty dollars.

227 (c) A mobile bar permit shall allow a person to sell and serve alcoholic
228 liquor for on-premises consumption without the provision of meals at
229 any activity, event or function for which such person has been hired,
230 pursuant to a contract between the holder of the mobile bar permit and
231 the hiring party. The holder of a mobile bar permit shall not engage in
232 self-dealing or self-hiring in order to generate hired events. The annual
233 fee for a mobile bar permit shall be seven hundred fifty dollars.

234 ~~[(b)]~~ (d) The holder of a caterer liquor permit or a mobile bar permit
235 shall, on a form prescribed by the Department of Consumer Protection
236 or electronically, notify the department, in writing, of the date, location
237 and hours of each event at which alcohol is served under such permit at
238 least one business day in advance of such event. If the holder of a caterer
239 liquor permit or a mobile bar permit is unable to provide the written
240 notice required under this [section] subsection due to exigent
241 circumstances, such holder may provide notice to the department by
242 telephone of the date, location and hours of each event at which alcohol
243 is served under such permit.

244 ~~[(c)]~~ (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section
245 30-48, a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may be a backer or
246 holder of any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter,
247 except that a backer or holder of a caterer liquor permit may not be a
248 backer or holder of any other manufacturer permit issued under section
249 30-16 or a wholesaler permit issued under section 30-17.

250 ~~[(d)]~~ (f) The holder of a caterer liquor permit, or a mobile bar permit,
251 and any other permit issued under the provisions of this chapter that
252 prohibits the off-premises consumption of alcoholic liquor shall be
253 exempt from such prohibition for the purposes of conducting such
254 holder's catering or mobile bar business only.

255 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) The holder of a caterer liquor permit or a mobile bar permit

256 shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 30-38, 30-52 and 30-54
257 and from the requirements to affix and maintain a placard, as provided
258 in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 30-39, as amended by this
259 act.

260 ~~[(f)]~~ (h) The holder of a caterer liquor permit or a mobile bar permit
261 may enter into a contract with another business entity to provide
262 exclusive catering or mobile bar services at a specific venue, provided
263 the holder of the caterer liquor permit or the mobile bar permit is
264 available for hire at other venues and is using the permit at other venues.
265 No holder or member of the backer of the caterer liquor permit or the
266 mobile bar permit, nor the holder's or member's spouse or child, shall
267 have an ownership interest in the venue that is subject to the exclusivity
268 agreement.

269 Sec. 7. Section 30-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

271 (a) For the purposes of this section, the "filing date" of an application
272 means the date upon which the department, after approving the
273 application for processing, mails or otherwise delivers to the applicant
274 a placard containing such date.

275 (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a
276 permit shall make an affirmed application therefor to the Department of
277 Consumer Protection, upon forms to be furnished by the department,
278 showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's
279 backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be
280 operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth all
281 elements and details of any business transactions connected with the
282 application. Such application shall include a detailed description of the
283 type of live entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of
284 business shall be exempt from providing such detailed description if the
285 club or place of business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to October
286 1, 1993, and (B) has not altered the type of entertainment provided. The

287 application shall also indicate any crimes of which the applicant or the
288 applicant's backer may have been convicted. [Applicants shall submit]
289 The department shall not review an initial application until the
290 applicant has submitted all documents [, only upon initial application,
291 sufficient] necessary to establish that state and local building, fire and
292 zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days
293 of sale will be met, except that local building and zoning requirements
294 and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale shall not apply
295 to a cafe permit issued under subsection (d) or (h) of section 30-22a. If
296 the applicant does not submit all such documents within the thirty-day
297 period beginning on the date on which the department receives the
298 initial application, or if such documents are not fully executed by the
299 appropriate authorities, such initial application shall be deemed
300 withdrawn and invalid. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified
301 designee shall be responsible for approving compliance with the State
302 Fire Code at Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a
303 permit provided for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's
304 license with such application if such license was issued by the
305 Department of Consumer Protection. The department may, at its
306 discretion, conduct an investigation to determine (i) whether a permit
307 shall be issued to an applicant or the applicant's backer, or (ii) the
308 suitability of the proposed permit premises. Completion of an
309 inspection pursuant to subsection (f) of section 29-305 shall not be
310 deemed to constitute a precondition to renewal of a permit that is
311 subject to subsection (f) of section 29-305.

312 (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable
313 application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in
314 this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be
315 charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall
316 be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a
317 permit by a nonprofit golf tournament permit under section 30-37g or a
318 temporary liquor permit for a noncommercial entity under section 30-
319 35; and in the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial

320 application for all other permits. Any permit issued shall be valid only
321 for the purposes and activities described in the application.

322 (3) [The applicant, immediately after filing an application, shall give
323 notice thereof, with the name and residence of the permittee, the type of
324 permit applied for and the location of the place of business for which
325 such permit is to be issued and the type of live entertainment to be
326 provided, all in a form prescribed by the department, by publishing the
327 same in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the place
328 of business to be operated under such permit is to be located, at least
329 once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be not
330 more than seven days after the filing date of the application and the last
331 publication not more than fourteen days after the filing date of the
332 application.] The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible
333 condition upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of
334 business is to be located and clearly visible from the public highway, the
335 placard provided by the department, not later than the day following
336 the receipt of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door of such
337 premises is so far from the public highway that such placard is not
338 clearly visible as provided, the department shall direct a suitable
339 method to notify the public of such application. When an application is
340 filed for any type of permit for a building that has not been constructed,
341 such applicant shall erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not
342 less than six feet by four feet upon the site where such place of business
343 is to be located, instead of such placard upon the outer door of the
344 building. The sign shall set forth the type of permit applied for and the
345 name of the proposed permittee, shall be clearly visible from the public
346 highway and shall be so erected not later than the day following the
347 receipt of the placard. Such applicant shall make a return to the
348 department, under oath, of compliance with the foregoing
349 requirements, in such form as the department may determine, but the
350 department may require any additional proof of such compliance. Upon
351 receipt of evidence of such compliance, the department may hold a
352 hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location. The provisions of

353 this subdivision shall not apply to applications for (A) airline permits
 354 issued under section 30-28a, (B) temporary liquor permits for
 355 noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35, (C) concession
 356 permits issued under section 30-33, (D) military permits issued under
 357 section 30-34, (E) cafe permits issued under subsection (h) of section 30-
 358 22a, (F) warehouse permits issued under section 30-32, (G) broker's
 359 permits issued under section 30-30, (H) out-of-state shipper's permits
 360 for alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-18, (I) out-of-state shipper's
 361 permits for beer issued under section 30-19, (J) coliseum permits issued
 362 under section 30-33a, (K) nonprofit golf tournament permits issued
 363 under section 30-37g, (L) Connecticut craft cafe permits issued under
 364 section 30-22d to permittees who held a manufacturer permit for a brew
 365 pub or a manufacturer permit for beer issued under subsection (b) of
 366 section 30-16 and a brew pub before July 1, 2020, (M) off-site farm
 367 winery sales and wine, cider and mead tasting permits issued under
 368 section 30-16a, (N) out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine issued
 369 under section 30-18a, (O) out-of-state winery shipper's permits for wine
 370 issued under section 30-18a, (P) in-state transporter's permits for
 371 alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act,
 372 including, but not limited to, boats operating under such permits, (Q)
 373 seasonal outdoor open-air permits issued under section 30-22e, (R)
 374 festival permits issued under section 30-37t, (S) temporary auction
 375 permits issued under section 30-37u, (T) outdoor open-air permits
 376 issued under section 30-22f, and (U) renewals of any permit described
 377 in subparagraphs (A) to (T), inclusive, of this subdivision, if applicable.
 378 The provisions of this subdivision regarding [publication and] placard
 379 display shall also be required of any applicant who seeks to amend the
 380 type of entertainment either upon filing of a renewal application or
 381 upon requesting permission of the department in a form that requires
 382 the approval of the municipal zoning official.

383 (4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if
 384 one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or
 385 partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of the

386 current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion shall
387 be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the department
388 and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct ownership. When any
389 partnership changes by reason of the addition of one or more persons, a
390 new application with new fees shall be required.

391 (c) Any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age, and are
392 residents of the town within which the business for which the permit or
393 renewal thereof has been applied for, is intended to be operated, or, in
394 the case of a manufacturer's or a wholesaler's permit, any ten persons
395 who are at least eighteen years of age and are residents of the state, may
396 file with the department [, within three weeks from the last date of
397 publication of notice made pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b)
398 of this section] for an initial permit, and in the case of renewal of an
399 existing permit, at least twenty-one days before the renewal date of such
400 permit, a remonstrance containing any objection to the suitability of
401 such applicant or proposed place of business, provided any such issue
402 is not controlled by local zoning. Upon the filing of such remonstrance,
403 the department, upon written application, shall hold a hearing and shall
404 give such notice as it deems reasonable of the time and place at least five
405 days before such hearing is had. The remonstrants shall designate one
406 or more agents for service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients
407 of all notices issued by the department. At any time prior to the issuance
408 of a decision by the department, a remonstrance may be withdrawn by
409 the remonstrants or by such agent or agents acting on behalf of such
410 remonstrants and the department may cancel the hearing or withdraw
411 the case. The decision of the department on such application shall be
412 final with respect to the remonstrance. The provisions of this subsection
413 shall not apply to festival permits issued under section 30-37t.

414 (d) No new permit shall be issued until the foregoing provisions of
415 subsections (a) and (b) of this section have been complied with. If no
416 new permit is issued within twelve months of the filing date, as defined
417 in subsection (a) of this section, the application may, in the discretion of
418 the department, be deemed withdrawn and shall then be returned to the

419 applicant. Six months' or seasonal permits may be renewed, provided
420 the renewal application and fee shall be filed at least twenty-one days
421 before the reopening of the business, there is no change in the permittee,
422 ownership or type of permit, and the permittee or backer did not receive
423 a rebate of the permit fee with respect to the permit issued for the
424 previous year.

425 (e) The department may renew a permit that has expired if the
426 applicant pays to the department a nonrefundable late fee pursuant to
427 subsection (c) of section 21a-4, which fee shall be in addition to the fees
428 prescribed in this chapter for the permit applied for. The provisions of
429 this subsection shall not apply to one-day permits, to any permit which
430 is the subject of administrative or court proceedings, or where otherwise
431 provided by law.

432 (f) (1) On and after July 1, 2026, no initial final permit shall be issued,
433 and no transfer of interest application or application to permanently
434 substitute the identity of the permittee shall be approved, unless the
435 applicant, the applicant's backer, all members of the applicant's backer
436 and the permittee have completed a liquor education program. Such
437 liquor education program shall be conducted in a form and manner
438 prescribed by the department, and shall address (A) the prevention of
439 (i) sales of alcoholic liquor to minors, and (ii) overservice of alcoholic
440 liquor, (B) restrictions on alcoholic beverage promotions, and (C) any
441 other topics prescribed by the department.

442 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
443 subsection, (A) the department may, in the department's discretion,
444 waive the liquor education program requirement established in said
445 subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the department waives such
446 requirement in writing, (B) no person who holds a provisional permit
447 on July 1, 2026, shall be required to complete the liquor education
448 program required under said subdivision (1) of this subsection in order
449 to obtain a final permit, and (C) no person who holds a final permit on
450 July 1, 2026, shall be required to complete such liquor education

451 program in order to renew such permit.

452 [(f)] (g) No person who assists an applicant, backer or permittee in
 453 submitting an application for a liquor permit shall submit, or cause to
 454 be submitted, any false statement in connection with such application,
 455 or engage in any conduct which delays or impedes the department in
 456 processing such application. A violation of this subsection shall be
 457 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of
 458 section 42-110b. The commissioner, after providing an opportunity for
 459 a hearing in accordance with chapter 54, may impose on any person who
 460 violates the provisions of this subsection a civil penalty in an amount
 461 not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation, and may order such
 462 person to pay restitution to the applicant, backer or permittee. All civil
 463 penalties paid, collected or recovered under this subsection shall be
 464 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
 465 in section 21a-8a.

466 Sec. 8. Section 30-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
 467 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

468 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in [its] the
 469 department's discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a
 470 permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor, or impose a fine of not greater
 471 than one thousand dollars per violation, if the department has
 472 reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the applicant or permittee appears
 473 to be financially irresponsible or neglects to provide for the applicant's
 474 or permittee's family, or neglects or is unable to pay the applicant's or
 475 permittee's just debts; (2) that the applicant or permittee has been
 476 provided with funds by any wholesaler or manufacturer or has any
 477 forbidden connection with any other class of permittee as provided in
 478 this chapter; (3) that the applicant or permittee is in the habit of using
 479 alcoholic beverages to excess; (4) that the applicant or permittee has
 480 wilfully made any false statement to the department in a material
 481 matter; (5) that the applicant or permittee has been convicted of
 482 violating any of the liquor laws of this or any other state or the liquor

483 laws of the United States or has been convicted of a felony as such term
484 is defined in section 53a-25, provided any action taken is based upon (A)
485 the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the applicant or
486 permittee's ability to safely or competently perform the duties
487 associated with such permit, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
488 rehabilitation of the applicant or permittee, and (C) the time elapsed
489 since the conviction or release, or has such a criminal record that the
490 department reasonably believes the applicant or permittee is not a
491 suitable person to hold a permit, provided no refusal shall be rendered
492 under this subdivision except in accordance with the provisions of
493 sections 46a-80 and 46a-81; (6) that the applicant or permittee has not
494 been delegated full authority and control of the permit premises and of
495 the conduct of all business on such premises; or (7) that the applicant,
496 applicant's backer, backer or permittee has violated any provision of this
497 chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter. Any applicant,
498 applicant's backer or backer shall be subject to the same disqualifications
499 as provided in this chapter, or any regulation adopted under this
500 chapter, for permittees.

501 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in [his or her]
502 the commissioner's discretion, require a permittee who has had [his or
503 her] the permittee's permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor suspended or
504 revoked pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to have such
505 permittee's employees participate in an alcohol seller and server
506 training program approved by the commissioner. The commissioner
507 may require proof of completion of the program from the permittee
508 prior to reactivation or reissuance of such permit.

509 [(c) In lieu of suspending or revoking a permit for the sale of alcoholic
510 liquor pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may
511 require a permittee to have such permittee's employees participate in an
512 alcohol seller and server training program.]

513 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in the
514 commissioner's discretion, enter into a settlement agreement, or a

515 comparable negotiated settlement instrument, in lieu of proceeding to
516 an administrative hearing. Such agreement or instrument may contain,
517 but need not be limited to, provisions concerning settlement fees,
518 probation, the suspension or placement of conditions on a permit issued
519 or conferred by the department pursuant to this chapter, training
520 requirements or additional security measures.

521 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
522 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
523 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
524 obtaining a permit issued or conferred by the department pursuant to
525 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
526 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
527 the duties or responsibilities associated with such permit, (B)
528 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
529 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

530 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
531 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
532 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
533 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
534 department may waive such fee.

535 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
536 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
537 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
538 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a permit
539 issued pursuant to this chapter.

540 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
541 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines
542 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
543 presented in the determination request.

544 Sec. 9. Section 30-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the
545 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

546 No permit may be issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor in any
547 building, a portion of which will not be used as the permit premises,
548 unless the application therefor is accompanied by an affidavit signed
549 and affirmed by the applicant, stating that access from the portion of the
550 building that will not be used as the permit premises to the portion of
551 the building that will be used as the permit premises is effectually
552 separate, unless the Department of Consumer Protection endorses upon
553 such application that it has dispensed with such affidavit for reasons
554 considered by it good and satisfactory and also endorses thereon such
555 reasons. No new means of access into the permit premises shall be
556 opened, after such permit is issued, without the written consent of the
557 Department of Consumer Protection endorsed on such permit. If any
558 permittee or any backer thereof opens, causes to be opened, allows to be
559 opened or allows to remain open, at any time during the term for which
560 such permit is issued, any new means of access from any portion of a
561 building not part of the permit premises into the permit premises,
562 without the written consent of the Department of Consumer Protection
563 endorsed on such permit, such permittee or backer shall be subject to
564 the [penalties] penalty provided in section 30-113, as amended by this
565 act. The Department of Consumer Protection shall require every
566 applicant for a permit to sell alcoholic liquor to state under oath whether
567 any portion of the building in which it is proposed to carry on such
568 business will not be used as the permit premises; and, if so, the
569 Department of Consumer Protection shall appoint a suitable person to
570 examine the premises and to see that any and all access between the
571 portion so to be used for the sale of alcoholic liquor and the portion not
572 so used is effectually separate, and may designate the manner of such
573 separation, and, if necessary, order seals to be placed so that such way
574 of access cannot be opened without breaking the seals, and the breaking
575 or removal of such seals or other methods of preventing access, so
576 ordered and provided, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this
577 section. The above provisions shall not apply to any premises operating
578 under a hotel permit.

579 Sec. 10. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 30-74 of the general statutes
580 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
581 *October 1, 2025*):

582 (a) The sale of alcoholic liquor, except as permitted by this chapter, is
583 prohibited, and any person or permittee who keeps or operates any bar
584 or establishment which is a place where alcoholic liquor is kept for sale
585 or exchange contrary to law shall be liable to the [penalties] penalty
586 provided in section 30-113, as amended by this act.

587 (b) The sale, distribution or dispensing of alcoholic liquor without a
588 permit issued under the provisions of this chapter in any premises,
589 building, apartment or other place used by any club, association, social
590 or fraternal society or organization to the members thereof, their guests
591 or other persons shall be unlawful. Any officer, agent or employee of
592 any club, association, social or fraternal society or organization without
593 such a permit, who dispenses or permits to be dispensed, to or by its
594 members, guests or other persons, any alcoholic liquor shall be subject
595 to the [penalties] penalty provided in section 30-113, as amended by this
596 act.

597 Sec. 11. Section 30-76 of the general statutes is repealed and the
598 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

599 No person holding a permit for the retail sale of alcoholic liquor shall
600 purchase for resale alcoholic liquor except from a person holding a
601 permit under the provisions of sections 30-16 and 30-17, provided any
602 permittee going out of business may, upon application to and approval
603 by the Department of Consumer Protection, sell all or part of [his] such
604 permittee's stock in trade to any permittee authorized by law to retail
605 the kind of liquors so sold. No person holding a manufacturer or
606 wholesaler permit shall purchase for resale alcoholic liquor except from
607 a person holding a manufacturer permit, wholesaler permit or out-of-
608 state shipper's permit. Any person convicted of a violation of this section
609 shall be subject to the [penalties] penalty provided in section 30-113, as

610 amended by this act.

611 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 30-77 of the general statutes is
612 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
613 *1, 2025*):

614 (a) Any person who, without a permit therefor, except as provided in
615 section 30-37 or subsection (b) of section 12-436, the provisions of which
616 shall not be construed as requiring an individual to be physically
617 present at the point of purchase of alcoholic beverages to import such
618 alcoholic beverages, or contrary to the provisions of this chapter and the
619 regulations of the Department of Consumer Protection with respect to
620 the class of permit held by such person, manufactures or, by sample, by
621 soliciting or procuring orders, or otherwise, sells or delivers, or offers or
622 exposes for sale or delivery, or owns or keeps with intent to sell or
623 deliver, or who ships, transports or imports into this state, any alcoholic
624 liquor, shall be subject to the [penalties] penalty prescribed in section
625 30-113, as amended by this act; provided nothing in this section shall
626 prohibit any common carrier, warehouseman or other lien holder, or
627 any officer acting under legal process, or any insurance company that
628 acquires the same as the result of fire, flood or water damage, from
629 exercising the right of such person or such entity to sell alcoholic liquor
630 under a lien or such process or such acquisition, with the permission of
631 the department. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
632 delivery to a permittee under this chapter of alcoholic liquor which is
633 legally authorized. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
634 shipment into this state of ethyl alcohol intended for use or used for
635 scientific, mechanical and industrial uses, for use in hospitals and public
636 institutions, for medicinal purposes in the manufacture of patented,
637 proprietary, medicinal, pharmaceutical, antiseptic, toilet, scientific,
638 chemical, mechanical and industrial preparations or products not sold
639 as a beverage for human consumption, nor to the shipment of wine to
640 be used in the manufacture of patented, proprietary or pharmaceutical
641 preparations or products or in the manufacture of fruit preserves. No
642 such shipment shall be made except with the approval of the

643 department and only in such manner as the department prescribes. The
644 department shall notify the Commissioner of Revenue Services of the
645 approval of any such shipment.

646 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 30-86 of the general statutes is
647 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
648 *1, 2025*):

649 (b) (1) Any permittee or any servant or agent of a permittee who sells
650 or delivers alcoholic liquor to any minor or any intoxicated person, or to
651 any habitual drunkard, knowing the person to be such a habitual
652 drunkard, shall be subject to the [penalties of] penalty prescribed in
653 section 30-113, as amended by this act.

654 (2) Any person who sells, ships, delivers or gives alcoholic liquor to
655 a minor, by any means, including, but not limited to, the Internet or any
656 other on-line computer network, except on the order of a practicing
657 physician, shall be fined not more than three thousand five hundred
658 dollars or imprisoned not more than eighteen months, or both.

659 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply (A) to a sale,
660 shipment or delivery made to a person over age eighteen who is an
661 employee or permit holder under section 30-90a and where such sale,
662 shipment or delivery is made in the course of such person's employment
663 or business, (B) to a sale, shipment or delivery made in good faith to a
664 minor who practices any deceit in the procurement of an identity card
665 issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1-1h, who uses or
666 exhibits any such identity card belonging to any other person or who
667 uses or exhibits any such identity card that has been altered or tampered
668 with in any way, or (C) to a shipment or delivery made to a minor by a
669 parent, guardian or spouse of the minor, provided such parent,
670 guardian or spouse has attained the age of twenty-one and provided
671 such minor possesses such alcoholic liquor while accompanied by such
672 parent, guardian or spouse.

673 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to burden a person's

674 exercise of religion under section 3 of article first of the Constitution of
675 the state in violation of subsection (a) of section 52-571b.

676 Sec. 14. Section 30-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
677 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

678 Any person who induces any minor to procure alcoholic liquor from
679 any person permitted to sell such alcoholic liquor shall be subject to the
680 [penalties] penalty prescribed in section 30-113, as amended by this act.
681 The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) the procurement of
682 liquor by a person over age eighteen who is an employee or permit
683 holder under section 30-90a where such procurement is made in the
684 course of such person's employment or business, or (2) any such
685 inducement in furtherance of an official investigation or enforcement
686 activity authorized or conducted by a law enforcement agency or the
687 Department of Consumer Protection. Nothing in this section shall be
688 construed to prevent any action from being taken under section 30-55 or
689 section 30-86, as amended by this act, or both, against any person
690 permitted to sell alcoholic liquor who has sold alcoholic liquor to a
691 minor where such minor is participating in an official investigation or
692 enforcement activity authorized or conducted by a law enforcement
693 agency or the department.

694 Sec. 15. Section 30-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the
695 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

696 Any permittee who, either personally or through such permittee's
697 servant or agent, allows any minor, intoxicated person or person to
698 whom the sale or gift of alcoholic liquor has been prohibited by law to
699 loiter on the permit premises where alcoholic liquor is kept for sale, or
700 who allows any minor, other than a person who is at least eighteen years
701 of age and an employee or permit holder under section 30-90a or a minor
702 accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian, or intoxicated person
703 to be in any room where alcoholic liquor is served at any bar, shall be
704 subject to the [penalties described] penalty prescribed in section 30-113,

705 as amended by this act. For barrooms consisting of only one room and
 706 for permit premises without effective separation between a barroom
 707 and a dining room, an unaccompanied minor or intoxicated person may
 708 remain on the permit premises while waiting for and consuming food
 709 prepared on such permit premises. No minor may sit or stand at a
 710 consumer bar without being accompanied by a parent, guardian or
 711 spouse.

712 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is
 713 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
 714 *1, 2025*):

715 (a) The sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in glasses or other
 716 receptacles suitable to allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by
 717 an individual in places operating under hotel permits issued under
 718 section 30-21, restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, cafe
 719 permits issued under section 30-22a, cafe permits for wine, beer and
 720 cider issued under section 30-22g, Connecticut craft cafe permits issued
 721 under section 30-22d, club permits issued under section 30-22aa,
 722 restaurant permits for catering establishments or qualified managed
 723 residential communities issued under section 30-22b, as amended by
 724 this act, coliseum permits issued under section 30-33a, temporary liquor
 725 permits for noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35,
 726 nonprofit public museum permits issued under section 30-37a,
 727 manufacturer permits for beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead
 728 issued under subsection (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16,
 729 casino permits issued under section 30-37k and caterer liquor and
 730 mobile bar permits issued under section 30-37j, as amended by this act,
 731 shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
 732 Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2)
 733 Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.;
 734 (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.;
 735 (4) Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food
 736 is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for
 737 the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at

738 casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the
739 hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any
740 Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be
741 between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

742 Sec. 17. Section 30-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
743 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

744 [Every] Any jailer, prisonkeeper or other officer who furnishes, or
745 suffers to be furnished, to any prisoner under [his] such jailer's,
746 prisonkeeper's or officer's charge any alcoholic liquor, except as
747 medicine, and any person who delivers to any such prisoner any
748 alcoholic liquor without authority from such [keeper] jailer,
749 prisonkeeper or officer, shall be subject to the [penalties of] penalty
750 prescribed in section 30-113, as amended by this act.

751 Sec. 18. Section 30-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
752 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

753 [Every] Any pharmacist who, [by himself, his] either personally or
754 through such pharmacist's agent or employee, sells alcoholic liquor to
755 be drunk on the premises shall, upon conviction, forfeit both [his] such
756 pharmacist's druggist's permit for the sale of such liquor and [his] such
757 pharmacist's license to practice pharmacy, and be subject to the
758 [penalties of] penalty prescribed in section 30-113, as amended by this
759 act.

760 Sec. 19. Section 30-113 of the general statutes is repealed and the
761 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

762 Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this chapter
763 for which a specified penalty is not imposed [.] shall, for each [offense]
764 violation, be [subject to any penalty set forth in section 30-55] guilty of a
765 class A misdemeanor.

766 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 52-572w of the general statutes is

767 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
768 *1, 2025*):

769 (a) Any covenant, agreement or understanding in, in connection with
770 or collateral to any contract or agreement made or entered into with any
771 caterer or catering establishment, as defined in subsection [(d)] (a) of
772 section 30-22b, as amended by this act, that exempts such caterer or
773 catering establishment from liability for damages for bodily injury to
774 persons or damage to property caused by or resulting from the
775 negligence of the caterer or catering establishment, the agents, servants
776 or employees of such caterer or catering establishment or the patrons at
777 the event to which such contract or agreement pertains is against public
778 policy and void.

779 Sec. 21. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
780 *October 1, 2025*)

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	21a-425
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-14(a) and (b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-19f(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-20(a)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-22b
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-37j
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-39
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-47
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-51
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-74(a) and (b)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-76
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-77(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-86(b)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	30-87
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-90
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-91(a)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-98
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-101

Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-113
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	52-572w(a)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) redefine "container" for purposes of infused beverages, (2) establish a daily in-state transporter's liquor permit, a restaurant permit for a catering establishment or a qualified managed residential community and a mobile bar permit, (3) redefine "grocery store" for purposes of the grocery store beer permit and related provisions, (4) redefine "meal" for purposes of the caterer liquor permit, (5) specify that the Department of Consumer Protection shall not review an initial application for a liquor permit in the absence of certain required documents, (6) eliminate the newspaper publication requirement for liquor permit applications, (7) provide for a liquor education program, (8) authorize the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to enter into certain settlement agreements, (9) clarify the investigation and enforcement exception regarding purchases by minors, (10) specify that the default penalty for violation of the Liquor Control Act is a class A misdemeanor, and (11) eliminate the municipal recording requirement for liquor permits.

[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.]