



General Assembly

***Amendment***

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**LCO No. 7868**



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To: House Bill No. 5425

File No. 300

Cal. No. 202

***"AN ACT CONCERNING HERITAGE RAILWAYS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 30-22a of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5 *2025*):

6 (a) A cafe permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic liquor to be  
7 consumed on the premises of a cafe. The holder of a cafe permit shall  
8 keep food available for sale to its customers for consumption on the  
9 premises during the majority of the hours such premises are open. The  
10 availability of food from outside vendors located on or near the  
11 premises, who may directly deliver such food or indirectly deliver such

12 food through a third party, shall be deemed to constitute compliance  
13 with such requirement. The licensed premises shall at all times comply  
14 with all the regulations of the local department of health. Nothing herein  
15 shall be construed to require that any food be sold or purchased with  
16 any alcoholic liquor, nor shall any rule, regulation or standard be  
17 promulgated or enforced to require that sales of food be substantial or  
18 that the business's receipts from sales of alcoholic liquor equal any set  
19 percentage of total receipts from all sales made on the licensed premises.  
20 A cafe permit shall allow, with the prior approval of the Department of  
21 Consumer Protection, alcoholic liquor to be served at tables in outside  
22 areas that are screened or not screened from public view where  
23 permitted by fire, zoning and health regulations. If not required by fire,  
24 zoning or health regulations, a fence or wall enclosing such outside  
25 areas shall not be required by the Department of Consumer Protection.  
26 No fence or wall used to enclose such outside areas shall be less than  
27 thirty inches high. Such permit shall also authorize the sale at retail from  
28 the premises of sealed containers, supplied by the permittee, of draught  
29 beer for consumption off the premises. Such sales shall be conducted  
30 only during the hours a package store is permitted to sell alcoholic  
31 liquor under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91. Not more  
32 than four liters of such beer shall be sold to any person on any day on  
33 which the sale of alcoholic liquor is authorized under the provisions of  
34 subsection (d) of section 30-91. The annual fee for a cafe permit shall be  
35 two thousand dollars, except the annual fee for a cafe permit for (1) a  
36 prior holder of a tavern permit issued under section 30-26 shall be eight  
37 hundred dollars for the first year, twelve hundred dollars for the second  
38 year, one thousand six hundred dollars for the third year and two  
39 thousand dollars for each year thereafter, and (2) a railway shall be two  
40 hundred dollars."

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

Section 1	July 1, 2025	30-22a(a)
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