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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR REGULATION."

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

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (8) of section 30-1 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2025*):

6 (8) "Case price" means the price of a container made of cardboard,
7 wood or any other material and containing units of the same class and
8 size of alcoholic liquor. A case of alcoholic liquor, other than beer,
9 cocktails, cordials, prepared mixed drinks and wines, shall be in the
10 quantity and number, or fewer, with the permission of the
11 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, of bottles or units as follows:

12 (A) Six three thousand seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, (B) six three
13 thousand milliliter bottles, (C) six two thousand milliliter bottles, (D) six
14 one thousand eight hundred milliliter bottles, (E) six one thousand
15 seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, [(B)] (F) six one thousand [eight]
16 five hundred milliliter bottles, [(C)] (G) six nine hundred forty-five
17 milliliter bottles, (H) twelve one liter bottles, (I) twelve nine hundred
18 milliliter bottles, (J) twelve seven hundred fifty milliliter bottles, [(D)]
19 (K) twelve seven hundred twenty milliliter bottles, [(E)] (L) twelve seven
20 hundred [fifty] ten milliliter bottles, [(F)] (M) twelve [nine] seven
21 hundred milliliter bottles, [(G)] (N) twelve [one liter] five hundred
22 seventy milliliter bottles, [(H)] (O) twelve five hundred milliliter bottles,
23 (P) twelve four hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, (Q) twenty-four
24 three hundred seventy-five milliliter bottles, [(I)] (R) twenty-four three
25 hundred fifty-five milliliter bottles, (S) twenty-four three hundred fifty
26 milliliter bottles, (T) twenty-four three hundred thirty-one milliliter
27 bottles, (U) forty-eight two hundred fifty milliliter bottles, [(J)] (V) forty-
28 eight two hundred milliliter bottles, (W) forty-eight one hundred eighty-
29 seven milliliter bottles, (X) sixty one hundred milliliter bottles, or [(K)]
30 (Y) one hundred twenty fifty milliliter bottles, except a case of fifty
31 milliliter bottles may be in a quantity and number as originally
32 configured, packaged and sold by the manufacturer or out-of-state
33 shipper prior to shipment if the number of such bottles in such case is
34 not greater than two hundred. The commissioner shall not authorize
35 fewer quantities or numbers of bottles or units as specified in this
36 subdivision for any one person or entity more than eight times in any
37 calendar year. For the purposes of this subdivision, "class" has the same
38 meaning as provided in 27 CFR 4.21 for wine, 27 CFR 5.22 for spirits and
39 27 CFR 7.24 for beer.

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

43 (a) Each permit shall be a purely personal privilege that is revocable
44 in the discretion of the Department of Consumer Protection, and subject

45 to appeal, as provided in section 30-55. Except as otherwise provided in
46 the general statutes, including, but not limited to, subdivision (2) of
47 subsection (a) of section 30-19f, as amended by this act, and sections 30-
48 35, 30-37g and 30-37u, as amended by this act, each permit shall expire
49 annually. No permit shall constitute property, be subject to attachment
50 and execution or be alienable, except a permit shall descend to the estate
51 of a deceased permittee by the laws of testate or intestate succession. An
52 airline permit issued under section 30-28a or a cafe permit issued under
53 subsection (h) of section 30-22a shall be granted to the airline
54 corporation or railway corporation and not to any person, and the
55 corporation shall be the permittee.

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

63 Sec. 3. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 30-16 of the general statutes
64 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
65 *October 1, 2025*):

66 (c) (1) A manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall be in all respects
67 the same as a manufacturer permit, except that the scope of operations
68 of the holder shall be limited to wine and brandies distilled from grape
69 products or other fruit products, including grappa and eau-de-vie. As
70 used in this section, "farm winery" means any place or premises that is
71 located on a farm in the state in which wine is manufactured and sold.

72 (2) Such permit shall, at the single principal premises of the farm
73 winery, authorize: (A) The sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the
74 premises where the products are manufactured pursuant to such
75 permit; (B) as to a manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand
76 gallons of wine or less per year, the sale and shipment by the holder

77 thereof to a retailer of wine manufactured by the farm winery permittee
78 in the original sealed containers of not more than fifteen gallons per
79 container; (C) the sale and shipment by the holder thereof of wine
80 manufactured by the farm winery permittee to persons outside the state;
81 (D) the offering and tasting of free samples of such wine or brandy,
82 dispensed out of bottles or containers having capacities of not more than
83 two gallons per bottle or container, to visitors and prospective retail
84 customers for consumption on the premises of the farm winery
85 permittee; (E) the sale at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or
86 other sealed containers of such wine or brandy for consumption off the
87 premises; (F) the sale at retail from the premises of wine or brandy by
88 the glass and bottle to visitors on the premises of the farm winery
89 permittee for consumption on the premises; and (G) subject to the
90 provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection, the sale and delivery or
91 shipment of wine manufactured by the permittee directly to a consumer
92 in this state. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (D), (E)
93 and (F) of this subdivision, a town may, by ordinance or zoning
94 regulation, prohibit any such offering, tasting or selling at retail at
95 premises within such town for which a manufacturer permit for a farm
96 winery has been issued.

97 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping wine directly to a
98 consumer in this state, shall: (A) Ensure that the shipping labels on all
99 containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this state
100 conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –
101 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
102 DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or
103 older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to
104 demonstrate that such signer is age twenty-one or older by providing a
105 valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described
106 in section 1-1h; (C) not ship more than five gallons of wine in any two-
107 month period to any person in this state; (D) pay, to the Department of
108 Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due under
109 chapters 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state, and file,
110 with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic beverage tax

111 returns relating to such sales; (E) report to the Department of Consumer
112 Protection a separate and complete record of all sales and shipments to
113 consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily
114 presents a chronological account of such permittee's dealings with each
115 such consumer; (F) not ship to any address in the state where the sale of
116 alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant to section 30-9;
117 and (G) hold an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit pursuant to
118 section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or make any such shipment
119 through the use of a person who holds such an in-state [transporter's]
120 transporter permit.

121 (4) No licensed farm winery may sell any such wine or brandy not
122 manufactured by such winery, except a licensed farm winery may sell
123 from the premises: (A) Wine manufactured by another farm winery
124 located in this state; and (B) brandy manufactured from fruit harvested
125 in this state and distilled off the premises in this state.

126 (5) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision,
127 the farm winery permittee shall grow on the premises of the farm
128 winery or on property under the same ownership and control of said
129 permittee or leased by the backer of a farm winery permit or by said
130 permittee within the farm winery's principal state an average crop of
131 fruit equal to not less than twenty-five per cent of the fruit used in the
132 manufacture of the farm winery permittee's wine. An average crop shall
133 be defined each year as the average yield of the farm winery permittee's
134 two largest annual crops out of the preceding five years, except that
135 during the first seven years from the date of issuance of a farm winery
136 permit, an average crop shall be defined as three tons of grapes for each
137 acre of vineyard farmed by the farm winery permittee. Such seven-year
138 period shall not begin anew if the property for which the farm winery
139 permit is held is transferred or sold during such seven-year period. In
140 the event the farm winery consists of more than one property, the
141 aggregate acreage of the farm winery shall not be less than five acres.

142 (B) If a farm winery permittee sustains a significant loss of the farm
143 winery permittee's crop of fruit, such farm winery permittee shall, not

144 later than December thirty-first of the year in which such farm winery
145 permittee sustains such significant loss, certify to the Commissioner of
146 Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the
147 commissioner, that such farm winery permittee has sustained such
148 significant loss. If the commissioner determines, in the commissioner's
149 discretion, that such farm winery permittee sustained such significant
150 loss through no fault of such farm winery permittee, such farm winery
151 permittee's lost crop of fruit shall, for the year in which such farm
152 winery permittee sustained such significant loss, be deemed to satisfy
153 the average crop requirement established in subparagraph (A) of this
154 subdivision. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the commissioner
155 shall, in the commissioner's discretion, determine whether a qualitative
156 or quantitative reduction in crop yield suffered by a farm winery
157 permittee constitutes a significant loss.

158 (6) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery, when
159 advertising or offering wine for direct shipment to a consumer in this
160 state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall
161 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its
162 advertising.

163 (7) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery may sell and
164 offer free tastings of wine manufactured from such winery at a farmers'
165 market, as defined in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit
166 enterprise or association, provided such farmers' market invites such
167 holder to sell wine at such farmers' market and such holder has a
168 farmers' market wine sales permit issued by the Commissioner of
169 Consumer Protection in accordance with the provisions of section 30-
170 37o.

171 (8) A holder of a manufacturer permit for a farm winery may, with
172 the prior approval of the Department of Consumer Protection, sell wine,
173 brandies, grappa and eau-de-vie manufactured by such farm winery
174 permittee at not more than three retail outlets in addition to such farm
175 winery permittee's permit premises, provided (A) each such retail outlet
176 is located on land that is leased or owned by the backer of the farm

177 winery permit and such farm winery permittee utilizes such land to
178 grow fruit and produce alcoholic beverages manufactured exclusively
179 by the farm winery, and (B) no such retail outlet is located within a
180 grocery store, as defined in section 30-20, as amended by this act, or any
181 other retail outlet unless otherwise permitted under the general statutes.

182 (9) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for a farm winery shall
183 be three hundred dollars.

184 (d) (1) A manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead shall allow
185 the manufacture of wine, cider not exceeding six per cent alcohol by
186 volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by volume,
187 apple brandy, eau-de-vie and mead and the storage, bottling and
188 wholesale distribution and sale of wine, cider not exceeding six per cent
189 alcohol by volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent alcohol by
190 volume, apple brandy, eau-de-vie and mead manufactured or bottled
191 by the permit holder to permittees in this state and without the state as
192 may be permitted by law; but no such permit shall be granted unless the
193 place or the plan of the place of manufacture has received the approval
194 of the Department of Consumer Protection.

195 (2) Such permit shall, at a single principal premises, authorize: (A)
196 The sale in bulk by the holder thereof from the premises where the
197 products are manufactured pursuant to such permit; (B) as to a
198 manufacturer who produces one hundred thousand gallons or less per
199 year of products manufactured pursuant to such permit, the sale and
200 shipment by the holder thereof to a retailer of such products
201 manufactured by the permittee in the original sealed containers of not
202 more than fifteen gallons per container; (C) the sale and shipment by the
203 holder thereof of such products manufactured by the permittee to
204 persons outside the state; (D) the offering and tasting of free samples of
205 such products, dispensed out of bottles or containers having capacities
206 of not more than two gallons per bottle or container, to visitors and
207 prospective retail customers for consumption on the premises of the
208 permittee; (E) subject to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 30-91,
209 the sale at retail from the premises of sealed bottles or other sealed

210 containers of such products for consumption off the premises; (F) the
211 sale at retail from the premises of such products by the glass and bottle
212 to visitors on the premises of the permittee for consumption on the
213 premises; and (G) subject to the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
214 subsection, the sale and delivery or shipment of such products
215 manufactured by the permittee directly to a consumer in this state.
216 Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (D), (E) and (F) of this
217 subdivision, a town may, by ordinance or zoning regulation, prohibit
218 any such offering, tasting or selling at retail at premises within such
219 town for which a manufacturer permit has been issued.

220 (3) A permittee, when selling and shipping a product produced
221 pursuant to this permit, directly to a consumer in this state, shall: (A)
222 Ensure that the shipping labels on all containers of such products
223 shipped directly to a consumer in this state conspicuously state the
224 following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL—SIGNATURE OF A PERSON
225 AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY"; (B) obtain the
226 signature of a person age twenty-one or older at the address prior to
227 delivery, after requiring the signer to demonstrate that such signer is
228 age twenty-one or older by providing a valid motor vehicle operator's
229 license or a valid identity card described in section 1-1h; (C) not ship
230 more than five gallons of product produced pursuant to this permit in
231 any two-month period to any person in this state; (D) pay, to the
232 Department of Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage
233 taxes due under chapters 219 and 220 on sales of products produced
234 pursuant to this permit to consumers in this state, and file, with said
235 department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic beverage tax returns
236 relating to such sales; (E) report to the Department of Consumer
237 Protection a separate and complete record of all sales and shipments to
238 consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily
239 presents a chronological account of such permittee's dealings with each
240 such consumer; (F) not ship to any address in the state where the sale of
241 alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant to section 30-9;
242 and (G) hold an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit pursuant to
243 section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or make any such shipment

244 through the use of a person who holds such an in-state [transporter's]
245 transporter permit.

246 (4) No holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may
247 sell any product not manufactured by such permit holder, except such
248 permittee may sell from the premises: (A) Wine, cider not exceeding six
249 per cent alcohol by volume, apple wine not exceeding fifteen per cent
250 alcohol by volume, apple brandy and eau-de-vie and mead
251 manufactured by another such permit holder located in this state; and
252 (B) brandy manufactured from fruit harvested in this state and distilled
253 off the premises in this state.

254 (5) A holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead,
255 when advertising or offering products for direct shipment to a consumer
256 in this state via the Internet or any other on-line computer network, shall
257 clearly and conspicuously state such liquor permit number in its
258 advertising.

259 (6) A holder of a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead may
260 sell and offer free tastings of products produced pursuant to such permit
261 that are manufactured by such permit holder at a farmers' market, as
262 defined in section 22-6r, that is operated as a nonprofit enterprise or
263 association, provided such farmers' market invites such holder to sell
264 such products at such farmers' market and such holder has a farmers'
265 market sales permit issued by the Commissioner of Consumer
266 Protection in accordance with the provisions of section 30-37o.

267 (7) The annual fee for a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and
268 mead shall be two hundred dollars.

269 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 30-16b of the general statutes is
270 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
271 *1, 2025*):

272 (d) If a permittee is delivering alcoholic liquor and food, such
273 delivery shall be made only by a direct employee of the permittee and
274 not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such third-party vendor or

275 entity holds an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit issued under
276 section 30-19f, as amended by this act.

277 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 30-16c of the general statutes is
278 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
279 *1, 2025*):

280 (a) From June 4, 2021, until three years after June 4, 2021, the holder
281 of any manufacturer permit issued [pursuant to] under section 30-16, as
282 amended by this act, may deliver alcoholic liquor manufactured by such
283 permittee, provided such delivery is made only by a direct employee of
284 the permittee and not by a third-party vendor or entity, unless such
285 third-party vendor or entity holds an in-state [transporter's] transporter
286 permit issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act. Any
287 alcoholic liquor delivered by a permittee under this section shall comply
288 with all applicable limits of section 30-16, as amended by this act,
289 allowing the permittee to sell at retail, from the permittee's premises,
290 sealed bottles or other sealed containers of alcoholic liquor
291 manufactured by the permittee on the premises for off-premises
292 consumption.

293 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 30-18 of the general statutes is
294 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
295 *1, 2025*):

296 (b) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, an out-of-state
297 shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor other than beer shall allow the sale
298 and delivery or shipment of wine manufactured by the permittee on the
299 permitted premises directly to a consumer in this state. Such permittee,
300 when selling and shipping wine directly to a consumer in this state,
301 shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping labels on all containers of wine
302 shipped directly to a consumer in this state conspicuously state the
303 following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL—SIGNATURE OF A PERSON
304 AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the
305 signature of a person age twenty-one or older at the address prior to
306 delivery, after requiring the signer to demonstrate that he or she is age

307 twenty-one or older by providing a valid motor vehicle operator's
308 license or a valid identity card described in section 1-1h; (3) not ship
309 more than five gallons of wine in any two-month period to any person
310 in this state and not ship any wine until such permittee is registered,
311 with respect to the permittee's sales of wine to consumers in this state,
312 for purposes of the taxes imposed under chapters 219 and 220, with the
313 Department of Revenue Services; (4) pay, to the Department of Revenue
314 Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due under chapters
315 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state, and file, with
316 said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic beverage tax returns
317 relating to such sales, with the amount of such taxes to be calculated as
318 if the sale were in this state at the location where delivery is made; (5)
319 report to the Department of Consumer Protection a separate and
320 complete record of all sales and shipments to consumers in the state, on
321 a ledger sheet or similar form which readily presents a chronological
322 account of such permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (6)
323 permit the Department of Consumer Protection and Department of
324 Revenue Services, separately or jointly, to perform an audit of the
325 permittee's records upon request; (7) not ship to any address in the state
326 where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant
327 to section 30-9; (8) hold an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit
328 [pursuant to] under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or make any
329 such shipment through the use of a person who holds such an in-state
330 [transporter's] transporter permit; and (9) execute a written consent to
331 the jurisdiction of this state, its agencies and instrumentalities and the
332 courts of this state concerning the enforcement of this section and any
333 related laws, rules, or regulations, including, but not limited to, tax laws,
334 rules or regulations.

335 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 30-18a of the general statutes is
336 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
337 *1, 2025*):

338 (b) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, the permits under
339 subsection (a) of this section shall allow the sale and delivery or

shipment of wine manufactured or sold by the permittee directly to a consumer in this state. Such permittee, when selling and shipping wine directly to a consumer in this state, shall: (1) Ensure that the shipping labels on all containers of wine shipped directly to a consumer in this state conspicuously state the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL – SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person age twenty-one or older at the address prior to delivery, after requiring the signer to demonstrate that he or she is age twenty-one or older by providing a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid identity card described in section 1-1h; (3) not ship more than five gallons of wine in any two-month period to any person in this state and not ship any wine until such permittee is registered, with respect to the permittee's sales of wine to consumers in this state, for purposes of the taxes imposed under chapters 219 and 220, with the Department of Revenue Services; (4) pay, to the Department of Revenue Services, all sales taxes and alcoholic beverage taxes due under chapters 219 and 220 on sales of wine to consumers in this state, and file, with said department, all sales tax returns and alcoholic beverage tax returns relating to such sales, with the amount of such taxes to be calculated as if the sale were in this state at the location where delivery is made; (5) report to the Department of Consumer Protection a separate and complete record of all sales and shipments to consumers in the state, on a ledger sheet or similar form which readily presents a chronological account of such permittee's dealings with each such consumer; (6) permit the Department of Consumer Protection and Department of Revenue Services, separately or jointly, to perform an audit of the permittee's records upon request; (7) not ship to any address in the state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is prohibited by local option pursuant to section 30-9; (8) hold an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit [pursuant to] under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, or make any such shipment through the use of a person who holds such an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit; (9) execute a written consent to the jurisdiction of this state, its agencies and instrumentalities and the courts of this state concerning the enforcement of this section and any related laws, rules, or regulations, including tax laws, rules or

375 regulations; and (10) comply with the provisions of section 30-68m
376 regarding the prohibition of selling wine below cost.

377 Sec. 8. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 30-19f of the general statutes
378 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
379 *October 1, 2025*):

380 (a) (1) An annual in-state [transporter's] transporter permit for
381 alcoholic liquor shall allow the commercial transportation of any
382 alcoholic liquor and, with the approval of the Department of Consumer
383 Protection, the provision or sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption in
384 a boat engaged in the transportation of passengers for hire or a motor
385 vehicle in livery service, as permitted by law. One permit shall cover all
386 such boats or vehicles that are under common control, direction,
387 management or ownership. When applying for such approval, in a form
388 and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
389 the owner of any such boat or vehicle in which the sale or consumption
390 of alcoholic liquor will be available shall specifically identify to the
391 department each such boat or vehicle. The [annual] fee for an annual in-
392 state [transporter's] transporter liquor permit shall be one thousand two
393 hundred fifty dollars for the first boat or vehicle and an additional
394 annual fee of two hundred dollars for each additional boat or vehicle.

395 (2) A daily in-state transporter permit for alcoholic liquor shall allow
396 the permittee to engage in the commercial transportation of any
397 alcoholic liquor and, with the approval of the department, the provision
398 or sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption in a boat engaged in the
399 transportation of passengers for hire or a motor vehicle in livery service,
400 as permitted by law. One permit shall cover all such boats or vehicles
401 that are under common control, direction, management or ownership.
402 When applying for such approval, in a form and manner prescribed by
403 the commissioner, the owner of any such boat or vehicle in which the
404 sale or consumption of alcoholic liquor will be available shall
405 specifically identify to the department each such boat or vehicle. The fee
406 for a daily in-state transporter liquor permit shall be one hundred fifty
407 dollars for each boat or vehicle to be used in the state during the

408 calendar day as requested on such application. Not more than eight
409 daily in-state transporter liquor permits shall be issued to any one
410 backer pursuant to this section per calendar year. During the calendar
411 year in which a daily in-state transporter liquor permit is issued to a
412 permittee pursuant to this subdivision, the permittee may apply to the
413 department, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to
414 convert such daily in-state transporter liquor permit to an annual in-
415 state transporter liquor permit. The effective date of such annual in-state
416 transporter liquor permit shall be the effective date of the first daily in-
417 state transporter liquor permit that was issued to such applicant during
418 such calendar year. The fee for such annual in-state transporter liquor
419 permit shall be the fee established in subdivision (1) of this subsection
420 less the total fees such applicant paid for daily in-state transporter liquor
421 permits during such calendar year, except no rebate shall be issued to
422 such applicant if the total fees such applicant paid for daily in-state
423 transporter liquor permits during such calendar year exceeds the fee
424 established in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

425 (b) No person or business entity, except the holder of an out-of-state
426 shipper's permit issued under section 30-18, as amended by this act, or
427 30-19, a manufacturer's permit issued under section 30-16, as amended
428 by this act, other than a manufacturer permit for a farm winery or a
429 manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead, or a wholesaler's permit
430 issued under section 30-17, shall transport any alcoholic beverages
431 imported into this state unless: (1) Such person or business entity holds
432 an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit issued under this section;
433 (2) the tax imposed on such alcoholic liquor under section 12-435 has
434 been paid; and (3) if applicable, the tax imposed on the sale of such
435 alcoholic liquor under chapter 219 has been paid.

436 Sec. 9. Section 30-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
437 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

438 (a) For the purposes of this section, "grocery store" (1) means any
439 store that (A) is commonly known as a delicatessen, food store, grocery
440 store or supermarket, and (B) [is primarily engaged in the retail sale of]

441 derives more than fifty per cent of such store's retail sales from any
442 combination of dairy products, eggs and poultry, fruits and vegetables,
443 meat, seafood, bakery products, various canned goods and dry goods
444 such as coffee, flour, spices, sugar and tea, whether packaged or in bulk,
445 [regardless of whether] except no such store [sells] shall be required to
446 sell fresh fruits and vegetables or [fresh, prepared or smoked fish]
447 poultry, meat [and poultry] or seafood, and (2) does not include any
448 store that is primarily engaged in the retail sale of one category of food
449 items such as bakery products, [candy, nuts and] candies,
450 confectioneries, dairy products, eggs, [and poultry,] fruits and
451 vegetables, meat, poultry or seafood.

452 (b) (1) A package store permit shall allow the retail sale of alcoholic
453 liquor in sealed bottles or containers not to be consumed on the permit
454 premises. The holder of a package store permit may, in accordance with
455 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection
456 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54, (A) offer free samples of
457 alcoholic liquor for tasting on the permit premises, (B) conduct fee-
458 based wine or spirits education and tasting classes and demonstrations,
459 and (C) conduct tastings or demonstrations provided by a permittee or
460 backer of the package store for a nominal charge to charitable nonprofit
461 organizations. Any offering, tasting, wine or spirits education and
462 tasting class or demonstration held on permit premises shall be
463 conducted only during the hours the package store may sell alcoholic
464 liquor under section 30-91, as amended by this act. No tasting of wine
465 on the permit premises shall be offered from more than ten uncorked
466 bottles at any one time. No holder, backer or permittee shall offer or
467 provide to any customer (i) more than one-half ounce of any single spirit
468 for sampling or tasting per day, or (ii) a total of more than two ounces
469 of spirits for sampling or tasting per day. No tasting shall be provided
470 below cost.

471 (2) No store operating under a package store permit shall sell any
472 commodity other than alcoholic liquor except, notwithstanding any
473 other provision of law, such store may sell (A) cigarettes and cigars, (B)

474 publications, (C) bar utensils, including, but not limited to, corkscrews,
475 beverage strainers, stirrers or other similar items used to consume, or
476 related to the consumption of, alcoholic liquor, (D) gift packages of
477 alcoholic liquor shipped into the state by a manufacturer or out-of-state
478 shipper, which gift packages may include nonalcoholic items, other than
479 food or tobacco products, if the dollar value of the nonalcoholic items in
480 such gift package does not exceed the dollar value of the alcoholic items
481 in such gift package, (E) complementary fresh fruits used in the
482 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (F) cheese, crackers or both,
483 (G) olives, (H) nonalcoholic beverages, (I) concentrates used in the
484 preparation of mixed alcoholic beverages, (J) beer and wine-making kits
485 and products related to such kits, (K) ice in any form, (L) articles of
486 clothing imprinted with advertising related to the alcoholic liquor
487 industry, (M) gift baskets or other containers of alcoholic liquor, (N)
488 multiple packages of alcoholic liquors, provided in all such cases the
489 minimum retail selling price for such alcoholic liquor shall apply, (O)
490 lottery tickets authorized by the Department of Consumer Protection, if
491 licensed as an agent to sell such tickets by the department, (P) devices
492 and related accessories designed primarily for accessing and extracting
493 a beverage containing alcohol from prepackaged containers, including,
494 but not limited to, pods, pouches or similar containers, but excluding
495 devices, including, but not limited to, household blenders, that are not
496 designed primarily for such purposes, (Q) alcohol-infused confections
497 containing not more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by weight
498 and which the commissioner has approved for sale under section 21a-
499 101, (R) gift baskets containing only containers of alcoholic liquor and
500 commodities authorized for sale under subparagraphs (A) to (Q),
501 inclusive, of this subdivision, (S) infused beverages, as defined in section
502 21a-425, provided (i) the package store permittee (I) paid to the
503 department the annual fee for an infused beverage endorsement
504 pursuant to this subdivision, and (II) purchased such infused beverages
505 from the holder of a wholesaler permit or a wholesaler permit for beer
506 issued under section 30-17, and (ii) such sales are made in accordance
507 with the provisions of section 21a-425b, and (T) legacy infused
508 beverages, as defined in section 21a-425d, provided all such sales shall

509 be made (i) during the period beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending
510 September 30, 2024, and (ii) in accordance with (I) a waiver issued
511 pursuant to section 21a-425d, and (II) the requirements set forth in
512 section 21a-425d. A package store permit shall also allow the taking and
513 transmitting of orders for delivery of such merchandise in other states.
514 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a package store permit
515 shall allow the participation in any lottery ticket promotion or giveaway
516 sponsored by the department. The annual fee for a package store permit
517 shall be five hundred thirty-five dollars. The annual fee for an infused
518 beverage endorsement to a package store permit shall be five hundred
519 dollars, and shall be deposited by the department in the consumer
520 protection enforcement account established in section 21a-8a.

521 (c) A grocery store beer permit may be granted to any grocery store
522 and shall allow the retail sale of beer in standard size containers not to
523 be consumed on the permit premises. The holder of a grocery store beer
524 permit shall post, in a prominent location adjacent to the beer display,
525 the retail price for each brand of beer and such retail price shall include
526 all applicable federal and state taxes, including, but not limited to, the
527 applicable state sales taxes. The annual fee for a grocery store beer
528 permit shall be one hundred seventy dollars, or, for a grocery store that
529 has annual sales of food and grocery items of at least two million dollars,
530 one thousand five hundred dollars.

531 (d) The holder of a package store permit or a grocery store beer
532 permit issued under this section may allow curbside pick-up of
533 previously purchased alcoholic liquor by (1) the consumer who
534 purchased such alcoholic liquor, or (2) the holder of an in-state
535 [transporter's] transporter permit issued under section 30-19f, as
536 amended by this act, or such holder's agent. Such curbside pick-up shall
537 be limited to the space immediately adjacent to, or in a parking lot
538 abutting, the permit premises. The holder of such package store permit
539 or grocery store beer permit may allow such curbside pick-up only
540 during the hours the package store or grocery store is allowed to sell
541 alcoholic liquor under subsection (d) of section 30-91 unless a more

542 restrictive municipal ordinance limits such curbside pick-up hours.

543 Sec. 10. Section 30-22b of the general statutes is repealed and the
544 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

545 (a) For the purposes of this section:

546 (1) "Catering establishment" means any premises that (A) has an
547 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to
548 provide hot meals in compliance with the regulations of the local
549 department of health, (B) has no sleeping accommodations for the
550 public, (C) is owned or operated by any person who, or business entity
551 that, (i) regularly furnishes for hire on such premises one or more
552 ballrooms, reception rooms, dining rooms, banquet halls or similar
553 places of assemblage for a particular function, occasion or event, or (ii)
554 furnishes provisions and services for consumption or use at any
555 function, occasion or event described in subparagraph (C)(i) of this
556 subdivision, and (D) employs an adequate number of employees on
557 such premises at the time of any function, occasion or event described
558 in subparagraph (C)(i) of this subdivision; and

559 (2) "Qualified managed residential community" means a managed
560 residential community, as defined in section 19a-693, that (A) has an
561 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to
562 provide hot meals in compliance with the regulations of the local
563 department of health, (B) provides daily meals in the dining room
564 described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C) exclusively
565 serves meals to (i) residents of the managed residential community and
566 their guests, and (ii) employees of the managed residential community.

567 [(a)] (b) (1) A restaurant permit for a catering establishment or
568 qualified managed residential community shall allow a catering
569 establishment or a qualified managed residential community to serve
570 alcoholic liquor at a function, occasion or event on the premises of [a]
571 the catering establishment or qualified managed residential community,
572 and shall allow a qualified managed residential community to serve

573 alcoholic liquor at the daily scheduled meals on the premises of the
574 qualified managed residential community, provided [(1)] (A) alcoholic
575 liquor shall be sold only to persons invited to and attending such [a]
576 function, occasion, [or] event or meals, and [(2)] (B) alcoholic liquor shall
577 be sold only during the specific hours such function, occasion or event
578 is, or meals are, scheduled on [the] such premises. The permittee shall
579 comply with the regulations of the local department of health.

580 (2) The department may waive the requirements of [subdivisions (1)
581 and (2)] subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection
582 (A) for not more than sixteen functions, occasions or events of a catering
583 establishment annually, provided such establishment makes written
584 application to the department at least ten days prior to the scheduled
585 date of the function, occasion or event for which a waiver is sought, and
586 (B) permanently for a qualified managed residential community,
587 provided such community offers alcoholic beverages exclusively with
588 daily scheduled meals on the premises of such community.

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

592 [(b)] (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any
593 catering establishment operated under a restaurant permit for a catering
594 establishment be open for business to the public at any time other than
595 when a particular function, occasion or event is scheduled on such
596 premises.

597 [(c)] (d) No organization eligible for a club or nonprofit club permit,
598 or other entity established primarily to serve its members, shall be
599 eligible for a restaurant permit for a catering establishment.

600 [(d) "Catering establishment" means any premises that (1) has an
601 adequate, suitable and sanitary kitchen, dining room and facilities to
602 provide hot meals, (2) has no sleeping accommodations for the public,
603 (3) is owned or operated by any person who, or business entity that, (A)

604 regularly furnishes for hire on such premises one or more ballrooms,
605 reception rooms, dining rooms, banquet halls or similar places of
606 assemblage for a particular function, occasion or event, or (B) furnishes
607 provisions and services for consumption or use at any function, occasion
608 or event described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (4)
609 employs an adequate number of employees on such premises at the time
610 of any function, occasion or event described in subparagraph (A) of
611 subdivision (3) of this subsection.]

612 Sec. 11. Section 30-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the
613 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

614 A concession permit shall allow the sale and consumption of beer,
615 [or] wine or a canned beverage containing spirits, provided such canned
616 beverage is combined with other nonalcoholic ingredients that are
617 premixed and packaged in original containers by the manufacturer and
618 consist of not more than six per cent alcohol by volume that is not mixed
619 or adulterated by the permittee, on the premises of any fair grounds,
620 ball park, amusement park, indoor-outdoor amphitheater, outdoor
621 amphitheater contiguous to and under the same ownership as an
622 amusement park, public golf course or sports arena provided no sales
623 of alcoholic liquor shall occur within one hour of the scheduled end of a
624 performance at an indoor-outdoor amphitheater constructed to seat not
625 less than fifteen thousand people. A concession permit shall also allow
626 the sale and consumption of alcohol or spirits in all enclosed nonseating
627 areas within an indoor-outdoor amphitheater. Such areas shall be
628 enclosed by a fence or wall not less than thirty inches high and separate
629 from each other. No concession permittee, backer, employee or agent of
630 such permittee shall sell, offer or deliver more than two drinks of
631 alcoholic liquor at any one time to any person for such person's own
632 consumption. Such permit shall be issued in the discretion of the
633 Department of Consumer Protection and shall be effective only in
634 accordance with a schedule of hours and days determined by the
635 department for each such permit within the limitation of hours and days
636 fixed by law. As used in this section, "public golf course" means a golf

637 course of not less than nine holes and a course length of not less than
638 twenty-seven hundred fifty yards. The fee for a concession permit shall
639 be as follows: For a period of one year, three hundred dollars; for a
640 period of six months, two hundred dollars; and for a period of one day,
641 fifty dollars.

642 Sec. 12. Subsections (c) to (g), inclusive, of section 30-37u of the
643 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
644 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

645 (c) To obtain a temporary auction permit under this section, an
646 auctioneer shall submit an application to the department, in a form and
647 manner prescribed by the department, at least sixty days before the first
648 day of the auction to be conducted under such permit. The auctioneer
649 applicant shall serve as the backer of such permit. Each such permit shall
650 be valid for one auction and shall be effective for a period not to exceed
651 [three consecutive] a total of twelve days in [duration] any calendar
652 year. The department may issue not more than [four] twelve temporary
653 auction permits to an auctioneer in any calendar year. The provisions of
654 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) and subsection (c) of section 30-39, as
655 amended by this act, shall not apply to temporary auction permits
656 issued under this section. The fee for a temporary auction permit shall
657 be one hundred seventy-five dollars per day.

658 (d) The auctioneer shall obtain all beer, spirits and wine that are the
659 subject of an auction conducted under a temporary auction permit
660 issued under this section from one or more individual collectors, holders
661 of package store permits issued under section 30-20, as amended by this
662 act, or holders of cancelled restaurant permits issued under section 30-
663 22, cancelled cafe permits issued under section 30-22a or cancelled cafe
664 permits for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g. The
665 auctioneer shall only accept beer, spirits or wine that (1) was lawfully
666 acquired by (A) an individual collector, or (B) the holder of a package
667 store permit issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act,
668 cancelled restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, cancelled cafe
669 permit issued under section 30-22a or cancelled cafe permit for wine,

670 beer and cider issued under section 30-22g who purchased such beer,
671 spirits or wine from the holder of a wholesaler permit issued under
672 section 30-17, and (2) bears an intact seal from the manufacturer of such
673 beer, spirits or wine. An individual collector may sell or consign such
674 beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer. The holder of a package store
675 permit issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act, may sell or
676 consign such beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer, provided the
677 starting bid for such beer, spirits or wine is in an amount that is not less
678 than the amount required under section 30-68m. The holder of a
679 cancelled restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, cancelled cafe
680 permit issued under section 30-22a or cancelled cafe permit for wine,
681 beer and cider issued under section 30-22g may sell or consign such
682 beer, spirits or wine to the auctioneer. All unsold consigned beer, spirits
683 or wine shall be returned to the individual collector, holder of the
684 package store permit issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act,
685 holder of the cancelled restaurant permit issued under section 30-22,
686 holder of the cancelled cafe permit issued under section 30-22a or holder
687 of the cancelled cafe permit for wine, beer and cider issued under section
688 30-22g not later than ten days after the final day of such auction.

689 (e) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, all beer, spirits
690 and wine sold at an auction conducted pursuant to a temporary auction
691 permit issued under this section is exempt from the requirements of
692 sections 30-63 and 30-68m. Except for unsold consigned beer, spirits or
693 wine that an auctioneer returns to the holder of a package store permit
694 issued under section 30-20, as amended by this act, no such beer, spirits
695 or wine may be resold, offered for sale or otherwise used on the permit
696 premises of any other permittee operating, or the backer of any other
697 permit issued, under this chapter.

698 (f) A holder of a temporary auction permit issued under this section
699 may offer free samples of any beer, spirits or wine to be sold at auction
700 for tasting, provided the holder sends a notice to the department, at least
701 thirty days before the first day of such auction and in a form and manner
702 prescribed by the department, disclosing that the holder intends to offer

703 such free samples for tasting. Any tasting shall be conducted only
704 during the hours in which the holder of a temporary auction permit
705 issued under this section is authorized to sell alcoholic liquor under
706 subsection (d) of section 30-91. No tasting shall be offered to any minor
707 or intoxicated person, or from more than ten uncorked or open cans or
708 bottles at any one time. Any town or municipality may, by ordinance or
709 zoning regulation, prohibit the offering of such free samples by the
710 holders of temporary auction permits issued under this section at events
711 or functions held in such town or municipality.

712 (g) A temporary auction permit issued under this section shall allow
713 for the delivery and shipment of any beer, spirits or wine sold at an
714 auction conducted pursuant to such permit directly to the consumer
715 who purchased such beer, spirits or wine. Any shipment to a consumer
716 outside of this state is subject to all applicable laws of the jurisdiction in
717 which such consumer is located. When shipping such beer, spirits or
718 wine directly to a consumer in this state, the holder of such permit shall:
719 (1) Ensure that the shipping label on each container containing such
720 beer, spirits or wine states the following: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL –
721 SIGNATURE OF A PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
722 DELIVERY"; (2) obtain the signature of a person who is at least twenty-
723 one years of age at the delivery address prior to delivery, after requiring
724 such person to demonstrate that such person is at least twenty-one years
725 of age by providing a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a valid
726 identity card described in section 1-1h; (3) not ship such beer, spirits or
727 wine to any address in this state where the sale of alcoholic liquor is
728 prohibited by local option pursuant to section 30-9; and (4) make any
729 such shipment through the use of a person who holds an in-state
730 [transporter's] transporter permit issued under section 30-19f, as
731 amended by this act.

732 Sec. 13. Section 30-39 of the general statutes is repealed and the
733 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

734 (a) For the purposes of this section, the "filing date" of an application
735 means the date upon which the department, after approving the

736 application for processing, mails or otherwise delivers to the applicant
737 a placard containing such date.

738 (b) (1) Any person desiring a liquor permit or a renewal of such a
739 permit shall make an affirmed application therefor to the Department of
740 Consumer Protection, upon forms to be furnished by the department,
741 showing the name and address of the applicant and of the applicant's
742 backer, if any, the location of the club or place of business which is to be
743 operated under such permit and a financial statement setting forth all
744 elements and details of any business transactions connected with the
745 application. Such application shall include a detailed description of the
746 type of live entertainment that is to be provided. A club or place of
747 business shall be exempt from providing such detailed description if the
748 club or place of business (A) was issued a liquor permit prior to October
749 1, 1993, and (B) has not altered the type of entertainment provided. The
750 application shall also indicate any crimes of which the applicant or the
751 applicant's backer may have been convicted. [Applicants shall submit]
752 The department shall not review an initial application until the
753 applicant has submitted all documents [, only upon initial application,
754 sufficient] necessary to establish that state and local building, fire and
755 zoning requirements and local ordinances concerning hours and days
756 of sale will be met, except that local building and zoning requirements
757 and local ordinances concerning hours and days of sale shall not apply
758 to a cafe permit issued under subsection (d) or (h) of section 30-22a. If
759 the applicant does not submit all such documents within the thirty-day
760 period beginning on the date on which the department receives the
761 initial application, or if such documents are not fully executed by the
762 appropriate authorities, such initial application shall be deemed
763 withdrawn and invalid. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's certified
764 designee shall be responsible for approving compliance with the State
765 Fire Code at Bradley International Airport. Any person desiring a
766 permit provided for in section 30-33b shall file a copy of such person's
767 license with such application if such license was issued by the
768 Department of Consumer Protection. The department may, at its
769 discretion, conduct an investigation to determine (i) whether a permit

770 shall be issued to an applicant or the applicant's backer, or (ii) the
771 suitability of the proposed permit premises. Completion of an
772 inspection pursuant to subsection (f) of section 29-305 shall not be
773 deemed to constitute a precondition to renewal of a permit that is
774 subject to subsection (f) of section 29-305.

775 (2) The applicant shall pay to the department a nonrefundable
776 application fee, which fee shall be in addition to the fees prescribed in
777 this chapter for the permit sought. An application fee shall not be
778 charged for an application to renew a permit. The application fee shall
779 be in the amount of ten dollars for the filing of each application for a
780 permit by a nonprofit golf tournament permit under section 30-37g or a
781 temporary liquor permit for a noncommercial entity under section 30-
782 35; and in the amount of one hundred dollars for the filing of an initial
783 application for all other permits. Any permit issued shall be valid only
784 for the purposes and activities described in the application.

785 (3) [The applicant, immediately after filing an application, shall give
786 notice thereof, with the name and residence of the permittee, the type of
787 permit applied for and the location of the place of business for which
788 such permit is to be issued and the type of live entertainment to be
789 provided, all in a form prescribed by the department, by publishing the
790 same in a newspaper having a circulation in the town in which the place
791 of business to be operated under such permit is to be located, at least
792 once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication to be not
793 more than seven days after the filing date of the application and the last
794 publication not more than fourteen days after the filing date of the
795 application.] The applicant shall affix, and maintain in a legible
796 condition upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of
797 business is to be located and clearly visible from the public highway, the
798 placard provided by the department, not later than the day following
799 the receipt of the placard by the applicant. If such outer door of such
800 premises is so far from the public highway that such placard is not
801 clearly visible as provided, the department shall direct a suitable
802 method to notify the public of such application. When an application is

803 filed for any type of permit for a building that has not been constructed,
804 such applicant shall erect and maintain in a legible condition a sign not
805 less than six feet by four feet upon the site where such place of business
806 is to be located, instead of such placard upon the outer door of the
807 building. The sign shall set forth the type of permit applied for and the
808 name of the proposed permittee, shall be clearly visible from the public
809 highway and shall be so erected not later than the day following the
810 receipt of the placard. Such applicant shall make a return to the
811 department, under oath, of compliance with the foregoing
812 requirements, in such form as the department may determine, but the
813 department may require any additional proof of such compliance. Upon
814 receipt of evidence of such compliance, the department may hold a
815 hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location. The provisions of
816 this subdivision shall not apply to applications for (A) airline permits
817 issued under section 30-28a, (B) temporary liquor permits for
818 noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35, (C) concession
819 permits issued under section 30-33, as amended by this act, (D) military
820 permits issued under section 30-34, (E) cafe permits issued under
821 subsection (h) of section 30-22a, (F) warehouse permits issued under
822 section 30-32, (G) broker's permits issued under section 30-30, (H) out-
823 of-state shipper's permits for alcoholic liquor issued under section 30-
824 18, as amended by this act, (I) out-of-state shipper's permits for beer
825 issued under section 30-19, (J) coliseum permits issued under section 30-
826 33a, (K) nonprofit golf tournament permits issued under section 30-37g,
827 (L) Connecticut craft cafe permits issued under section 30-22d to
828 permittees who held a manufacturer permit for a brew pub or a
829 manufacturer permit for beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-
830 16 and a brew pub before July 1, 2020, (M) off-site farm winery sales and
831 wine, cider and mead tasting permits issued under section 30-16a, (N)
832 out-of-state retailer shipper's permits for wine issued under section 30-
833 18a, as amended by this act, (O) out-of-state winery shipper's permits
834 for wine issued under section 30-18a, as amended by this act, (P) in-state
835 [transporter's] transporter permits for alcoholic liquor issued under
836 section 30-19f, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to,
837 boats operating under such permits, (Q) seasonal outdoor open-air

838 permits issued under section 30-22e, (R) festival permits issued under
839 section 30-37t, (S) temporary auction permits issued under section 30-
840 37u, as amended by this act, (T) outdoor open-air permits issued under
841 section 30-22f, and (U) renewals of any permit described in
842 subparagraphs (A) to (T), inclusive, of this subdivision, if applicable.
843 The provisions of this subdivision regarding [publication and] placard
844 display shall also be required of any applicant who seeks to amend the
845 type of entertainment either upon filing of a renewal application or
846 upon requesting permission of the department in a form that requires
847 the approval of the municipal zoning official.

848 (4) In any case in which a permit has been issued to a partnership, if
849 one or more of the partners dies or retires, the remaining partner or
850 partners need not file a new application for the unexpired portion of the
851 current permit, and no additional fee for such unexpired portion shall
852 be required. Notice of any such change shall be given to the department
853 and the permit shall be endorsed to show correct ownership. When any
854 partnership changes by reason of the addition of one or more persons, a
855 new application with new fees shall be required.

856 (c) Any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age, and are
857 residents of the town within which the business for which the permit or
858 renewal thereof has been applied for, is intended to be operated, or, in
859 the case of a manufacturer's or a wholesaler's permit, any ten persons
860 who are at least eighteen years of age and are residents of the state, may
861 file with the department, within three weeks [from] after the last date
862 [of publication of notice made] on which the applicant posts the placard
863 pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section for an initial
864 permit, and in the case of renewal of an existing permit, at least twenty-
865 one days before the renewal date of such permit, a remonstrance
866 containing any objection to the suitability of such applicant or proposed
867 place of business, provided any such issue is not controlled by local
868 zoning. Upon the filing of such remonstrance, the department, upon
869 written application, shall hold a hearing and shall give such notice as it
870 deems reasonable of the time and place at least five days before such

871 hearing is had. The remonstrants shall designate one or more agents for
872 service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients of all notices issued
873 by the department. At any time prior to the issuance of a decision by the
874 department, a remonstrance may be withdrawn by the remonstrants or
875 by such agent or agents acting on behalf of such remonstrants and the
876 department may cancel the hearing or withdraw the case. The decision
877 of the department on such application shall be final with respect to the
878 remonstrance. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
879 festival permits issued under section 30-37t.

880 (d) No new permit shall be issued until the foregoing provisions of
881 subsections (a) and (b) of this section have been complied with. If no
882 new permit is issued within twelve months of the filing date, as defined
883 in subsection (a) of this section, the application may, in the discretion of
884 the department, be deemed withdrawn and shall then be returned to the
885 applicant. Six months' or seasonal permits may be renewed, provided
886 the renewal application and fee shall be filed at least twenty-one days
887 before the reopening of the business, there is no change in the permittee,
888 ownership or type of permit, and the permittee or backer did not receive
889 a rebate of the permit fee with respect to the permit issued for the
890 previous year.

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

898 (f) (1) On and after January 1, 2026, no initial final permit shall be
899 issued, and no transfer of interest application or application to
900 permanently substitute the identity of the permittee shall be approved,
901 to an applicant that offers or provides, or seeks to offer or provide, the
902 direct sale of alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises or off-
903 premises consumption unless the applicant, the applicant's backer, all

904 members of the applicant's backer and the permittee have completed a
905 liquor education program. Such liquor education program shall be
906 created, offered and conducted in a form and manner prescribed by the
907 department, and shall address (A) the prevention of (i) sales of alcoholic
908 liquor to minors, and (ii) overservice of alcoholic liquor, (B) restrictions
909 on alcoholic beverage promotions, and (C) any other topics prescribed
910 by the department.

911 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
912 subsection, (A) the department may, in the department's discretion,
913 waive the liquor education program requirement established in said
914 subdivision, provided the department waives such requirement in
915 writing, (B) no person who holds an active provisional permit on
916 January 1, 2026, shall be required to complete the liquor education
917 program required under said subdivision in order to obtain a final
918 permit, and (C) no person who holds an active final permit on January
919 1, 2026, shall be required to complete such liquor education program in
920 order to renew such permit.

921 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) No person who assists an applicant, backer or permittee in
922 submitting an application for a liquor permit shall submit, or cause to
923 be submitted, any false statement in connection with such application,
924 or engage in any conduct which delays or impedes the department in
925 processing such application. A violation of this subsection shall be
926 deemed an unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of
927 section 42-110b. The commissioner, after providing an opportunity for
928 a hearing in accordance with chapter 54, may impose on any person who
929 violates the provisions of this subsection a civil penalty in an amount
930 not to exceed one thousand dollars per violation, and may order such
931 person to pay restitution to the applicant, backer or permittee. All civil
932 penalties paid, collected or recovered under this subsection shall be
933 deposited in the consumer protection enforcement account established
934 in section 21a-8a.

935 Sec. 14. Section 30-45 of the general statutes is repealed and the
936 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

937 The Department of Consumer Protection shall refuse permits for the
938 sale of alcoholic liquor to the following persons: (1) Any state marshal,
939 judicial marshal, judge of any court, prosecuting officer or member of
940 any police force; (2) any minor; (3) any constable who (A) performs
941 criminal law enforcement duties and is considered a peace officer by
942 town ordinance pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section
943 54-1f, or (B) is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e,
944 inclusive, and performs criminal law enforcement duties pursuant to
945 the provisions of subsection (c) of section 54-1f; and (4) any special
946 constable appointed pursuant to section 7-92. This section shall not
947 apply to any out-of-state shipper's permit issued under section 30-18, as
948 amended by this act, 30-18a, as amended by this act, or 30-19, any cafe
949 permit issued under section 30-22a, any cafe permit for wine, beer and
950 cider issued under section 30-22g, any boat operating under any in-state
951 [transporter's] transporter permit issued under section 30-19f, as
952 amended by this act, or any airline permit issued under section 30-28a.
953 As used in this section, "minor" means a minor, as defined in section 1-
954 1d or as defined in section 30-1, as amended by this act, whichever age
955 is older.

956 Sec. 15. Section 30-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
957 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

958 (a) The Department of Consumer Protection may, in [its] the
959 department's discretion, suspend, revoke or refuse to grant or renew a
960 permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor, or impose a fine of not greater
961 than one thousand dollars per violation, if the department has
962 reasonable cause to believe: (1) That the applicant or permittee appears
963 to be financially irresponsible or neglects to provide for the applicant's
964 or permittee's family, or neglects or is unable to pay the applicant's or
965 permittee's just debts; (2) that the applicant or permittee has been
966 provided with funds by any wholesaler or manufacturer or has any
967 forbidden connection with any other class of permittee as provided in
968 this chapter; (3) that the applicant or permittee is in the habit of using
969 alcoholic beverages to excess; (4) that the applicant or permittee has

970 wilfully made any false statement to the department in a material
971 matter; (5) that the applicant or permittee has been convicted of
972 violating any of the liquor laws of this or any other state or the liquor
973 laws of the United States or has been convicted of a felony as such term
974 is defined in section 53a-25, provided any action taken is based upon (A)
975 the nature of the conviction and its relationship to the applicant or
976 permittee's ability to safely or competently perform the duties
977 associated with such permit, (B) information pertaining to the degree of
978 rehabilitation of the applicant or permittee, and (C) the time elapsed
979 since the conviction or release, or has such a criminal record that the
980 department reasonably believes the applicant or permittee is not a
981 suitable person to hold a permit, provided no refusal shall be rendered
982 under this subdivision except in accordance with the provisions of
983 sections 46a-80 and 46a-81; (6) that the applicant or permittee has not
984 been delegated full authority and control of the permit premises and of
985 the conduct of all business on such premises; or (7) that the applicant,
986 applicant's backer, backer or permittee has violated (A) any provision of
987 this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter, or (B) any
988 provision of sections 21a-425 to 21a-425d, inclusive, or any regulation
989 adopted under subsection (k) of section 21a-425a. Any applicant,
990 applicant's backer or backer shall be subject to the same disqualifications
991 as provided in this chapter, or any regulation adopted under this
992 chapter, for permittees.

993 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in [his or her]
994 the commissioner's discretion, require a permittee who has had [his or
995 her] the permittee's permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor suspended or
996 revoked pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to have such
997 permittee's employees participate in an alcohol seller and server
998 training program approved by the commissioner. The commissioner
999 may require proof of completion of the program from the permittee
1000 prior to reactivation or reissuance of such permit.

1001 [(c) In lieu of suspending or revoking a permit for the sale of alcoholic
1002 liquor pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner may

1003 require a permittee to have such permittee's employees participate in an
1004 alcohol seller and server training program.]

1005 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection may, in the
1006 commissioner's discretion, enter into a settlement agreement, or a
1007 comparable negotiated settlement instrument, in lieu of proceeding to
1008 an administrative hearing. Such agreement or instrument may contain,
1009 but need not be limited to, provisions concerning settlement fees,
1010 probation, the suspension or placement of conditions on a permit issued
1011 by the department pursuant to this chapter, training requirements and
1012 additional security measures.

1013 (d) (1) Any individual who has been convicted of any criminal offense
1014 may request, at any time, that the commissioner determine whether
1015 such individual's criminal conviction disqualifies the individual from
1016 obtaining a permit issued or conferred by the department pursuant to
1017 this chapter based on (A) the nature of the conviction and its
1018 relationship to the individual's ability to safely or competently perform
1019 the duties or responsibilities associated with such permit, (B)
1020 information pertaining to the degree of rehabilitation of the individual,
1021 and (C) the time elapsed since the conviction or release of the individual.

1022 (2) An individual making such request shall include (A) details of the
1023 individual's criminal conviction, and (B) any payment required by the
1024 commissioner. The commissioner may charge a fee of not more than
1025 fifteen dollars for each request made under this subsection. The
1026 department may waive such fee.

1027 (3) Not later than thirty days after receiving a request under this
1028 subsection, the commissioner shall inform the individual making such
1029 request whether, based on the criminal record information submitted,
1030 such individual is disqualified from receiving or holding a permit
1031 issued [pursuant to] under this chapter.

1032 (4) The commissioner is not bound by a determination made under
1033 this section, if, upon further investigation, the commissioner determines

1034 that the individual's criminal conviction differs from the information
1035 presented in the determination request.

1036 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 30-48 of the general statutes is
1037 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1038 *1, 2025*):

1039 (a) No backer or permittee of one permit class shall be a backer or
1040 permittee of any other permit class except in the case of airline permits
1041 issued under section 30-28a, boats operating under in-state
1042 [transporter's] transporter permits issued under section 30-19f, as
1043 amended by this act, and cafe permits issued under subsections (d) and
1044 (h) of section 30-22a, except that: (1) A backer of a hotel permit issued
1045 under section 30-21 or a restaurant permit issued under section 30-22
1046 may be a backer of both such classes; (2) a holder or backer of a
1047 restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, a cafe permit issued under
1048 subsection (a) of section 30-22a or a cafe permit for wine, beer and cider
1049 issued under section 30-22g may be a holder or backer of any other or
1050 all of such classes; (3) a holder or backer of a restaurant permit issued
1051 under section 30-22 may be a holder or backer of a cafe permit issued
1052 under subsection (f) of section 30-22a; (4) a backer of a restaurant permit
1053 issued under section 30-22 may be a backer of a coliseum permit issued
1054 under section 30-33a when such restaurant is within a coliseum; (5) a
1055 backer of a hotel permit issued under section 30-21 may be a backer of a
1056 coliseum permit issued under section 30-33a; (6) a backer of a grocery
1057 store beer permit issued under subsection (c) of section 30-20, as
1058 amended by this act, may be (A) a backer of a package store permit
1059 issued under subsection (b) of section 30-20, as amended by this act, if
1060 such was the case on or before May 1, 1996, and (B) a backer of a
1061 restaurant permit issued under section 30-22, provided the restaurant
1062 permit premises do not abut or share the same space as the grocery store
1063 beer permit premises; (7) a backer of a cafe permit issued under
1064 subsection (j) of section 30-22a, may be a backer of a nonprofit theater
1065 permit issued under section 30-35a; (8) a backer of a nonprofit theater
1066 permit issued under section 30-35a may be a holder or backer of a hotel

1067 permit issued under section 30-21 or a coliseum permit issued under
1068 section 30-33a; (9) a backer of a concession permit issued under section
1069 30-33, as amended by this act, may be a backer of a coliseum permit
1070 issued under section 30-33a; (10) a holder of an out-of-state winery
1071 shipper's permit for wine issued under section 30-18a, as amended by
1072 this act, may be a holder of an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit
1073 issued under section 30-19f, as amended by this act; (11) a holder of an
1074 out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic liquor issued under section
1075 30-18, as amended by this act, or an out-of-state winery shipper's permit
1076 for wine issued under section 30-18a, as amended by this act, may be a
1077 holder of an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit issued under
1078 section 30-19f, as amended by this act; (12) a holder of a manufacturer
1079 permit for a farm winery issued under subsection (c) of section 30-16, as
1080 amended by this act, or a manufacturer permit for wine, cider and mead
1081 issued under subsection (d) of section 30-16, as amended by this act,
1082 may be a holder of an in-state [transporter's] transporter permit issued
1083 under section 30-19f, as amended by this act, an off-site farm winery
1084 sales and tasting permit issued under section 30-16a or any combination
1085 of such permits; (13) the holder of a manufacturer permit for spirits,
1086 beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead, issued under subsection
1087 (a), (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16, as amended by this act,
1088 may be a holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit issued under section
1089 30-22d, a restaurant permit or a restaurant permit for wine and beer
1090 issued under section 30-22 or a farmers' market sales permit issued
1091 under section 30-37o; (14) the holder of a restaurant permit issued under
1092 section 30-22, a cafe permit issued under section 30-22a, a cafe permit
1093 for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g or an in-state
1094 [transporter's] transporter permit issued under section 30-19f, as
1095 amended by this act, may be the holder of a seasonal outdoor open-air
1096 permit issued under section 30-22e or an outdoor open-air permit issued
1097 under section 30-22f; (15) the holder of a festival permit issued under
1098 section 30-37t may be the holder or backer of one or more of such other
1099 classes; (16) the holder of an out-of-state shipper's permit for alcoholic
1100 liquor other than beer issued under section 30-18, as amended by this
1101 act, an out-of-state winery shipper's permit for wine issued under

1102 section 30-18a, as amended by this act, or an out-of-state shipper's
1103 permit for beer issued under section 30-19 may be the holder of an out-
1104 of-state retailer shipper's permit for wine issued under section 30-18a,
1105 as amended by this act; and (17) the holder of a restaurant permit issued
1106 under section 30-22 may be a holder of a Connecticut craft cafe permit
1107 issued under section 30-22d, provided the permit premises are located
1108 at two different addresses. Any person may be a permittee of more than
1109 one permit. No holder of a manufacturer permit for beer issued under
1110 subsection (b) of section 30-16 and no spouse or child of such holder
1111 may be a holder or backer of more than three restaurant permits issued
1112 under section 30-22, cafe permits issued under section 30-22a or cafe
1113 permits for wine, beer and cider issued under section 30-22g.

1114 Sec. 17. Section 30-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1116 Any person who induces any minor to procure alcoholic liquor from
1117 any person permitted to sell such alcoholic liquor shall be subject to the
1118 penalties prescribed in section 30-113. The provisions of this section
1119 shall not apply to (1) the procurement of liquor by a person over age
1120 eighteen who is an employee or permit holder under section 30-90a
1121 where such procurement is made in the course of such person's
1122 employment or business, or (2) any such inducement in furtherance of
1123 an official investigation or enforcement activity authorized or
1124 conducted by a law enforcement agency or the Department of
1125 Consumer Protection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
1126 prevent any action from being taken under section 30-55 or section 30-
1127 86, or both, against any person permitted to sell alcoholic liquor who
1128 has sold alcoholic liquor to a minor where such minor is participating in
1129 an official investigation or enforcement activity authorized or
1130 conducted by a law enforcement agency or the department.

1131 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is
1132 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1133 *1, 2025*):

1134 (a) The sale, dispensing, consumption or presence in glasses or other
1135 receptacles suitable to allow for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by
1136 an individual in places operating under hotel permits issued under
1137 section 30-21, restaurant permits issued under section 30-22, cafe
1138 permits issued under section 30-22a, cafe permits for wine, beer and
1139 cider issued under section 30-22g, Connecticut craft cafe permits issued
1140 under section 30-22d, club permits issued under section 30-22aa,
1141 restaurant permits for catering establishments or qualified managed
1142 residential communities issued under section 30-22b, as amended by
1143 this act, coliseum permits issued under section 30-33a, temporary liquor
1144 permits for noncommercial entities issued under section 30-35,
1145 nonprofit public museum permits issued under section 30-37a,
1146 manufacturer permits for beer, a farm winery or wine, cider and mead
1147 issued under subsection (b), (c) or (d), respectively, of section 30-16, as
1148 amended by this act, casino permits issued under section 30-37k and
1149 caterer liquor permits issued under section 30-37j shall be unlawful on:
1150 (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the
1151 hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the
1152 hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the
1153 hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A)
1154 for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the
1155 hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which
1156 Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in
1157 section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock
1158 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January
1159 first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three
1160 o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

1161 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 52-572w of the general statutes is
1162 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
1163 *1, 2025*):

1164 (a) Any covenant, agreement or understanding in, in connection with
1165 or collateral to any contract or agreement made or entered into with any
1166 caterer or catering establishment, as defined in subsection [(d)] (a) of

1167 section 30-22b, as amended by this act, that exempts such caterer or
 1168 catering establishment from liability for damages for bodily injury to
 1169 persons or damage to property caused by or resulting from the
 1170 negligence of the caterer or catering establishment, the agents, servants
 1171 or employees of such caterer or catering establishment or the patrons at
 1172 the event to which such contract or agreement pertains is against public
 1173 policy and void.

1174 Sec. 20. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding any provision of
 1175 chapter 545 of the general statutes, during the period beginning July 1,
 1176 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the holder of a cafe permit issued under
 1177 subsection (c) of section 30-22a of the general statutes or a restaurant
 1178 permit for wine and beer issued under subsection (b) of section 30-22 of
 1179 the general statutes may apply to the Commissioner of Consumer
 1180 Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to
 1181 convert such cafe permit or restaurant permit to a restaurant permit
 1182 under subsection (a) of section 30-22 of the general statutes. No such
 1183 applicant shall be required to affix and maintain a placard under
 1184 subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 30-39 of the general statutes,
 1185 as amended by this act.

1186 Sec. 21. Section 30-53 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 1187 *October 1, 2025*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-1(8)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-14(a) and (b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-16(c) and (d)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-16b(d)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-16c(a)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-18(b)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-18a(b)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-19f(a) and (b)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-20
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-22b

Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-33
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-37u(c) to (g)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-39
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-45
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-47
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-48(a)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	30-87
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	30-91(a)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	52-572w(a)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section