
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5425 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING HERITAGE RAILWAYS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR.

SUMMARY

This bill lowers the annual fee for cafe permits for a railway from \$2,000 to \$200.

By law, these cafe permits are for any corporation that operates a railway in Connecticut or that operates club, parlor, dining, buffet, or lounge cars on Connecticut railway lines. The permit allows for the sale and public consumption of alcoholic liquor in any of these areas on the train.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill, which established a short-term railway cafe permit and then allowed a permittee to convert to a cafe permit at a reduced annual fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 22 Nay 0 (03/12/2025)