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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS AND
CHURCHES

Introduced By: Representative Christopher R. Blazejewski

Date Introduced: June 13, 2019

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-19. Objection by adjoining property owners -- Proximity to schools and**
4 **churches.**

5 (a) Retailers' Class B, C, N and I licenses, and any license provided for in § 3-7-16.8 of
6 this chapter, shall not be issued to authorize the sale of beverages in any building where the
7 owner of the greater part of the land within two hundred feet (200') of any point of the building
8 files with the body or official having jurisdiction to grant licenses his or her objection to the
9 granting of the license, nor in any building within two hundred feet (200') of the premises of any
10 public, private, or parochial school or a place of public worship. In the city of East Providence,
11 retailer's Class A licenses shall not be issued to authorize the sale of beverages in any building
12 within five hundred feet (500') of the premises of any public, private, or parochial school, or a
13 place of public worship.

14 (b) As used in this section, "private school" means any nonpublic institution of
15 elementary or secondary (K-12th grade) education, accredited or recognized as a private school
16 by the department of elementary and secondary education or the school committee of the city or
17 town having jurisdiction over private schools.

18 (c) This section shall not apply to any Class B or C license holder whose license was

1 issued prior to January 1, 1978, nor shall this section apply to, or constitute the basis of, an
2 objection to, or disapproval of, the transfer of a Class B or C license where the location of the
3 licensed establishment predates the location of the public, private, or parochial school, or place of
4 public worship.

5 (d)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
6 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
7 section any proposed retailer Class B, C, or I license intended to be located within the following
8 described area(s) in the city of Providence:

9 (A) Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the southerly line of Smith
10 Street and the easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95;

11 Thence running in a general southwesterly direction along the easterly taking line of
12 Interstate Route 95 to the center line of Kingsley Avenue;

13 Thence turning and running northwesterly in part along the southerly line of Kingsley
14 Avenue to its intersection with the southerly line of Harris Avenue;

15 Thence turning and running westerly along the southerly line of Harris Avenue to its
16 intersection with the southerly line of Atwells Avenue;

17 Thence turning and running easterly along the southerly line of Atwells Avenue to the
18 easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95;

19 Thence turning and running in a general southerly and southeasterly direction along the
20 easterly taking line of Interstate Route 95 to the center line of Pine Street;

21 Thence turning and running northeasterly along the northerly taking line of I-195 to its
22 intersection with the northerly taking line of I-195;

23 Thence turning and running northeasterly along the northerly taking line of I-195 to its
24 intersection with the westerly shore line of the Providence River;

25 Thence turning and running northerly along the westerly shore line of the Providence
26 River to its intersection with the southerly line of Crawford Street;

27 Thence running northwesterly across Dyer Street to the intersection of the westerly line
28 of Dyer Street to the southerly line of Custom House Street;

29 Thence running northerly in part along the southerly line of Dyer Street and in part along
30 the westerly line of Market Square to its intersection with the westerly line of Canal Street;

31 Thence turning and running northerly along the westerly line of Canal Street to its
32 intersection with the southerly line of Smith Street;

33 Thence turning and running westerly along the southerly line of Smith Street to the point
34 and place of beginning.

1 (B) Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the westerly line of Brook
2 Street and the northerly line of Wickenden Street;

3 Thence running in a general westerly direction along the northerly line of Wickenden
4 Street to the intersection of Wickenden Street and Benefit Street;

5 Thence running in a general northerly direction along the easterly line of Benefit Street to
6 the intersection of Benefit Street and Sheldon Street;

7 Thence turning and running in an easterly direction along the southerly line of Sheldon
8 Street to the intersection of Sheldon Street and Brook Street;

9 Thence turning and running in a general southerly line to the intersection of Brook Street
10 and Wickenden Street that being the point of beginning.

11 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
12 Newport shall, after application, have authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any
13 proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located within the following described area in the
14 city of Newport:

15 Beginning at a point, that point being the intersection of the southerly line of Broadway
16 and the easterly line of Courthouse Square;

17 Thence running in a general northeasterly direction along the southerly line of Broadway
18 a distance of one hundred and two feet (102') to a point at the southeasterly corner of land now or
19 formerly owned by the Newport Historical Society;

20 Thence turning and running in a southeasterly direction ninety-eight and nine-tenths feet
21 (98.9') along the southwesterly border of land now or formerly owned by the Newport Historical
22 Society;

23 Thence turning and running in a southwesterly direction one hundred and twelve feet
24 (112') to Courthouse Street; and

25 Thence turning and running in a generally northwesterly direction along Courthouse
26 Street for a distance of ninety feet (90') to the point and place of beginning.

27 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
28 Warren shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
29 any proposed retailer Class B, C, or I license intended to be located within any zoning district in
30 the town of Warren which is designated as a limited business district or as a general business
31 district pursuant to the zoning ordinance of the town of Warren.

32 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
33 Bristol shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
34 any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on lot 34 of tax assessors plat 10 of

1 the Bristol tax assessors map as of December 31, 1999, including that portion of the public
2 sidewalk contiguous to said lot.

3 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses for the city of
4 Newport shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
5 as to places of public worship any proposed sidewalk cafe as defined in the Codified Ordinance
6 of the city of Newport, provided that the applicant be an existing holder of a Retailers' Class B
7 license.

8 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
9 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
10 section any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on lot 131 of tax assessors
11 plat 68 of the Providence tax assessors map as of December 31, 1999 and any proposed retailer
12 Class B license intended to be located on lot 21 of the tax assessors map plat 49 and any proposed
13 retailer class BV license intended to be located on lots 3 and 5 of tax assessors map plat 35 of the
14 Providence tax assessors map as of December 31, 2003.

15 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
16 Cranston shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
17 any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on either lot 160 of tax assessor's plat
18 9, and/or on lot 152 of tax assessor's plat 9, of the Cranston tax assessor's map as of December 31,
19 2002; provided, however, as to the subsequent transfer of said Class B license issued by the city
20 of Cranston under this exemption, whether said transfer is attributable to the holder's death or
21 otherwise, any person desiring to become the potential transferee of said Class B license shall
22 comply with those restrictions as to its use (and shall refrain from those activities which result in
23 its reversion) set forth in the city of Cranston Memorandum of Understanding dated May 13,
24 2003 and, in addition, those requirements applicable to anyone who desires to become a
25 transferee of a validly issued and outstanding Class B license designated for use in any location in
26 the state of Rhode Island. Neither the exemption granted herein nor any future exemption granted
27 hereafter shall be effective until the proposed Class B license and the underlying property owner
28 is certified to be current in the payment of any and all local and state taxes.

29 (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
30 Pawtucket shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
31 any proposed retailer Class B, C, or I license intended to be located within the following
32 described area in the city of Pawtucket:

33 Beginning at the point of intersection of Dexter Street and the Central Falls line, then east
34 along the Central Falls line to the Blackstone River, then north along the city boundary on the

1 Blackstone River to the Cumberland line, then west along the Pawtucket city boundary line to I-
2 95, then south along I-95 to Pine Street, then north on Pine Street to AMTRAK Right of Way,
3 then northwest along the AMTRAK Right of Way to Dexter Street, then north on Dexter Street to
4 the Central Falls line.

5 (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the town council of the town of Little
6 Compton, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section relating to
7 places of worship any class B license limited to malt and vinous beverages intended to be located
8 on Plat 30, Lot 33 of the town of Little Compton tax assessment map existing as of December 31,
9 2004.

10 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
11 Bristol shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
12 any proposed retailers' Class B license intended to be located on lots 3, 18, and 19 of tax
13 assessors plat 10 of the Bristol tax assessors map as of December 31, 2007.

14 (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the town council of the town of
15 Smithfield, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section, any class
16 B, C, or I license intended to be located on Plat 45, Lot 042 of the town of Smithfield, tax
17 assessment map existing as of December 31, 2007; provided, however, said exemption shall
18 apply only to any renewal of any class B, C, or I license issued for use at the said premises
19 located on plat 45, lot 042 as of December 31, 2011. In the event said license is not renewed, then
20 this exemption is hereby repealed in its entirety.

21 (12) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
22 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
23 section any proposed retailer Class B license intended to be located on plat 13, lots 31 and 32 of
24 the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

25 (13) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
26 Tiverton shall, after the application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
27 section a proposed retailer's Class BV license for a restaurant located on tax assessor's plat 181,
28 lot 1A.

29 (14) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
30 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
31 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on tax assessor's plat 68, lot
32 732.

33 (15) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
34 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this

1 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 105, lot 489, plat
2 105, lot 12 and plat 32, lot 232 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

3 (16) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section the city council of the city of Central
4 Falls, shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any
5 proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 5, lot 188 of the applicable city
6 of Central Falls tax assessment map.

7 (17) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
8 Portsmouth shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
9 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 37, lot 69 of the
10 applicable town of Portsmouth tax assessment map.

11 (18) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
12 North Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
13 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 23A, lot 98 of the
14 applicable town of North Providence tax assessment map.

15 (19) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
16 Cranston shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
17 any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on Plat 11, lot 3558 of the
18 applicable city of Cranston tax assessment map.

19 (20) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the town council of the town of
20 Smithfield, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section, any
21 Class B or C license intended to be located on Plat 6, Lot 54 of the town of Smithfield tax
22 assessors map as of December 31, 2012.

23 (21) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
24 Cranston shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section
25 any proposed retailers class B license intended to be located on tax assessors plat 1, lot 2170 of
26 the applicable city of Cranston tax assessment map as of December 31, 2012.

27 (22) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
28 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
29 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on tax assessor's plat 43, lot
30 211.

31 (23) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
32 North Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
33 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on Plat 22A, Lot 336, of the
34 applicable town of North Providence tax assessment map.

1 (24) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the city council of the city of Central
2 Falls shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any
3 proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on plat 1, lot 164 of the applicable city
4 of Central Falls tax assessment map.

5 (25) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
6 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
7 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 1948-1950 Westminster
8 Street on plat 35, lot 359 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

9 (26) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the town council of the town of
10 Middletown, after application, is authorized to exempt from the provisions of this section, any
11 proposed retailer's Class BV license intended to be located on Plat 107 NW, Lot 55 of the town of
12 Middletown's tax assessor's maps as of December 31, 2014.

13 (27) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
14 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
15 section any retailer Class B, C or I license intended to be located on Plat 109, Lot 289, of the
16 applicable city of Providence tax assessor's map.

17 (28) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
18 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
19 section any proposed retailer's Class BV license intended to be located at 226 and 230 Dean
20 Street on plat 25, lot 44 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

21 (29) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
22 East Greenwich shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
23 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 219 Main Street on
24 map/lot 085 001 212 0000 of the applicable town of East Greenwich tax assessment map.

25 (30) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
26 East Greenwich shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
27 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 137 Main Street on
28 map/lot 085-001-412; 59 Main Street on map/lot 085-001-236; 555 Main Street on map/lot 075-
29 003-084; 74 Cliff Street on map/lot 075-003-040; 609 Main Street on map/lot 075-003-080; 241
30 Main Street on map/lot 085-001-208; 155 Main Street on map/lot 085-001-222; 149 Main Street
31 on map/lot 085-001-223; and 2 Academy Court on map/lot 085-001-211 of the applicable Town
32 of East Greenwich tax assessment map.

33 (31) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the town of
34 Lincoln shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section

1 any proposed retailers' Class B license intended to be located on tax assessor's plat 10, lot 108, of
2 the Lincoln tax assessor's map as of December 31, 2015.

3 (32) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses of the city of
4 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
5 section any proposed retailer's Class C license intended to be located at 215 Dean Street on plat
6 28, lot 961 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

7 (33) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
8 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
9 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 100-102 Hope Street on
10 plat 16, lot 263 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

11 (34) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the town of
12 Cumberland shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
13 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 88 Broad Street on Lots
14 32, 51, and 52 of Plat 2 Cumberland tax assessor's map as of December 31, 2016.

15 (35) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
16 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
17 section any proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located at 11 Lowell Avenue, 191
18 Pocasset Avenue and 187 Pocasset Avenue on Lots 22, 23, and 24 of Plat 108 Providence tax
19 assessor's map as of December 31, 2017.

20 (36) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the city council in the city of Central
21 Falls shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any
22 proposed retailer's Class B license intended to be located on Plat 1, of Lot 171 of the applicable
23 city of Central Falls tax assessment map.

24 (37) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
25 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
26 section any proposed retailer's Class BV and Class BX license intended to be located at 161
27 Douglas Avenue on plat 68, lot 201 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

28 (38) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
29 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this
30 section any proposed retailers' Class B license intended to be located at 1007 Broad Street, Plat
31 53, Lot 192 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map and 1017 Broad Street Plat
32 53, Lot 582 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.

33 (39) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board of licenses in the city of
34 Providence shall, after application, have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this

- 1 [section any proposed retailers' Class B license intended to be located at 375 Smith Street, Plat 68.](#)
- 2 [Lot 132 of the applicable city of Providence tax assessment map.](#)
- 3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would exempt the property located at 375 Smith Street, Providence, from the
2 provisions prohibiting liquor licenses within a proximity of two hundred feet (200') of a school or
3 church.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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