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RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES--SMALL BUSINESS--  
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Referred To: House Small Business

(Executive Office of Commerce)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-14.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail  
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-14.2. Class P licenses -- Caterers.**

4 (a) A caterer licensed by the department of health and the division of taxation shall be  
5 eligible to apply for a Class P license from the department of business regulation. The department  
6 of business regulation is authorized to issue all caterers' licenses. The license will be valid  
7 throughout this state as a state license and no further license will be required or tax imposed by any  
8 city or town upon this alcoholic beverage privilege. Each caterer to which the license is issued shall  
9 pay to the department of business regulation an annual fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the  
10 license, ~~and one dollar (\$1.00) for each duplicate of the license,~~ which fees are paid into the state  
11 treasury. The department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for implementation of  
12 this license. In promulgating said rules, the department shall include, but is not limited to, the  
13 following standards:

14 (1) Proper identification will be required for individuals who look thirty (30) years old or  
15 younger and who are ordering alcoholic beverages;

16 (2) Only valid ID's as defined by these titles are acceptable;

17 (3) An individual may not be served more than two (2) drinks at a time;

18 (4) Licensee's, their agents, or employees will not serve visibly intoxicated individuals;

1 (5) Licensee's may only serve alcoholic beverages for no more than a five (5) hour period  
2 per event;

3 (6) Only a licensee, or its employees, may serve alcoholic beverages at the event;

4 (7) The licensee will deliver and remove alcoholic beverages to the event; and

5 (8) No shots or triple alcoholic drinks will be served.

6 (b) Any bartender employed by the licensee shall be certified by a nationally recognized  
7 alcohol beverage server training program.

8 (c) The licensee shall purchase at retail all alcoholic beverages from a licensed Class A  
9 alcohol retail establishment located in the state, provided, however, any licensee who also holds a  
10 Class T license, issued pursuant to the provisions of § 3-7-7, shall be allowed to purchase alcoholic  
11 beverages at wholesale. Any person violating this section shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500)  
12 for this violation and shall be subject to license revocation. The provisions of this section shall be  
13 enforced in accordance with this title.

14 (d) Violation of subsection (a) of this section is punishable upon conviction by a fine of  
15 not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Fines imposed under this section shall be paid to the  
16 department of business regulation.

17 SECTION 2. Sections 5-2-1, 5-2-2, 5-2-3 and 5-2-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-2  
18 entitled "Bowling Alleys, Billiard Tables, and Shooting Galleries" are hereby amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 **5-2-1. ~~City and town regulation and taxation of bowling alleys and billiard tables~~ City**  
21 **and town regulation and taxation of bowling alleys and establishments with three (3) or more**  
22 **billiard tables.**

23 The town and city councils of the several towns and cities may tax, regulate, and, if they  
24 find it expedient, prohibit and suppress, bowling alleys and [establishments with three \(3\) or more](#)  
25 billiard tables in their respective cities and towns, conforming to law.

26 **5-2-2. Refusal of bowling alley, box ball alley, or billiard table keeper to comply with**  
27 **order of the city or town council.**

28 The keeper of any bowling alley, box ball alley, or [establishment with three \(3\) or more](#)  
29 billiard ~~table~~ [tables](#) who refuses or neglects to comply with an order or decree relating to it, which  
30 any city or town council is authorized to make, shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).

31 **5-2-3. Keeper of bowling alley, box ball alley, or billiard table defined.**

32 The owner or occupant of the premises on which any bowling alley, box ball alley, or [three](#)  
33 [\(3\) or more](#) billiard ~~table is~~ [tables are](#) situated is deemed the keeper of that bowling alley, box ball  
34 alley, or [\(3\) or more](#) billiard ~~table~~ [tables](#), within the meaning of the provisions of this chapter.

1           **5-2-9. Sunday operation of bowling alleys and billiard tables.**

2           (a) Town or city councils or licensing authorities in any city or town may permit licensees  
3 operating bowling alleys, or persons paying a tax for the operation of a bowling alley, to operate  
4 rooms or places where bowling, ~~or playing of billiards;~~ or pocket billiards [at establishments with](#)  
5 [three \(3\) or more billiard tables](#) for a fee or charge may be engaged in by patrons of those rooms or  
6 places on the first day of the week, subject to any restrictions and regulations that the city or town  
7 council or licensing authority designates; provided, that the operation of bowling alleys or rooms  
8 or places where bowling, playing of billiards;~~;~~ or pocket billiards [at establishments with three \(3\) or](#)  
9 [more billiard tables](#) for a fee or charge is permitted on the first day of the week only between the  
10 hours of one o'clock (1:00) p.m. and twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight; and provided, that no bowling  
11 alley or rooms or places where bowling, playing of billiards, or pocket billiards for a fee or charge  
12 is operated on the first day of the week within two hundred feet (200') of a place of public worship  
13 used for public worship.

14           (b) The operation of any bowling alley, room, or place between any hour on the last day of  
15 the week and one o'clock (1:00) a.m. on the first day of the week is not a violation of this section.

16           SECTION 3. Section 5-71-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-71 entitled "Licensure of  
17 Interpreters for the Deaf" is hereby amended to read as follows:

18           **5-71-8. Qualifications of applicants for licenses.**

19           (a) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an interpreter for the deaf or transliterator,  
20 the applicant must submit written evidence on forms furnished by the department, ~~verified by oath,~~  
21 that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

22           (1) Is of good moral character;

23           (2) Meets the screened requirements as defined in regulations promulgated by the  
24 department or meets the certification requirements set forth by RID or its successor agency  
25 approved by the department in consultation with the board;

26           (3) Pays the department a license fee as set forth in § 23-1-54;

27           (4) Adheres to the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and the Registry of Interpreters  
28 for the Deaf, Inc. (RID) code of professional conduct; and

29           (5) Provides verification of a background check with the bureau of criminal investigation  
30 in the office of attorney general at the time of the initial application for license.

31           (b) To be eligible for licensure by the board as an educational interpreter for the deaf, the  
32 applicant must meet all of the requirements as described in subsection (a) and must further present  
33 proof of successful completion of the educational interpreter performance assessment (EIPA),  
34 written and performance tests, or a similar test as approved by the board, at a performance level

1 established by the board.

2 (c) An individual whose license, certification, permit, or equivalent form of permission  
3 issued within another state has been revoked, suspended, or currently placed on probation shall not  
4 be eligible for consideration for licensure unless they have first disclosed to the department about  
5 such disciplinary actions.

6 SECTION 4. Sections 9-5-10.1, 9-5-10.5 and 9-5-10.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 9-  
7 5 entitled "Writs, Summons and Process" are hereby amended to read as follows:

8 **9-5-10.1. Certification of constables.**

9 (a) A person at least twenty-one (21) years of age who complies with the statute and the  
10 requirements set forth in any regulations promulgated by the department of business regulation may  
11 file an application with the department requesting that the applicant be certified as a constable.  
12 Once issued by the department, such certification shall be effective for a period of two (2) years or  
13 until such approval is withdrawn by the department. Such certified constable shall be entitled to  
14 serve or execute writs and process in such capacity for any court of the state, anywhere in the state,  
15 subject to any terms and limitations as set forth by the court, ~~and in such number as determined by~~  
16 ~~the chief judge of the district court.~~

17 (b) Certification process.

18 (1) Application.

19 (i) Any person seeking certification pursuant to this section shall complete an application  
20 and submit it to the department of business regulation in the form designated by the department for  
21 such applications.

22 (ii) The application shall include information determined by the department to be relevant  
23 to licensure and shall include a national criminal background check.

24 (2) Referral to certified constables' board.

25 (i) Once the applicant has provided a completed application, the department shall refer the  
26 applicant to the certified constables' board by providing a copy of the application to the board ~~and~~  
27 ~~to the chief judge of the district court.~~

28 (3) Training.

29 (i) Following review of the application, the board shall determine whether the applicant  
30 should be recommended for training ~~by the board~~ to be conducted by a volunteer training constable.  
31 If the board determines that training is appropriate, the applicant shall be assigned to a training  
32 constable who shall be a constable in good standing for a minimum of ten (10) years and who is  
33 approved by the ~~chief judge of the district court to train prospective constables~~ [department](#).

34 (ii) Training shall consist of a minimum of ninety (90) ~~hours~~ [days](#) to be completed within

1 ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the referral by the board.

2 (iii) Within thirty (30) days from the conclusion of training, a written report shall be  
3 submitted by the training constable to the board with a copy to the department that reflects the dates  
4 and times of training and comments on the aptitude of the trainee.

5 (iv) If the board concludes that training is not appropriate or if the report of the training  
6 constable concludes that the applicant does not have the aptitude to perform the duties of a  
7 constable, the board shall so inform the department which shall deny the application on that basis.

8 (4) Oral and written tests.

9 (i) Upon the successful completion of the training period and recommendation from the  
10 training constable, within ninety (90) days, the applicant shall complete an oral examination on the  
11 legal and practical aspects of certified constables' duties that shall be created and administered by  
12 the board.

13 (ii) Upon the successful completion of the oral examination, within sixty (60) days the  
14 applicant must complete a written test created by the board and approved by the ~~chief judge of the~~  
15 ~~district court~~ department that measures the applicant's knowledge of state law and court procedure.

16 (iii) If the board concludes that the applicant has not successfully passed either the oral or  
17 written test, the board shall so inform the department which shall deny the application on that basis.

18 (5) Final review. The department shall review the application, training record, test scores,  
19 and such other information or documentation as required and shall determine whether the applicant  
20 shall be approved for certification and the person authorized to serve process in the state.

21 **9-5-10.5. Suspension, revocation or review of certification of certified constables.**

22 (a) Upon the receipt of a written complaint, request of the board, request of a judge of any  
23 court, or upon its own initiative, the department shall ascertain the facts and, if warranted, hold a  
24 hearing for the reprimand, suspension, or revocation of a certification. The director, or his or her  
25 designee, has the power to refuse a certification for cause or to suspend or revoke a certification or  
26 place an applicant on probation for any of the following reasons:

27 (1) The certification was obtained by false representation or by fraudulent act or conduct;

28 (2) Failure to report to the department any of the following within thirty (30) days of the  
29 occurrence:

30 (i) Any criminal prosecution taken in any jurisdiction. The constable shall provide the  
31 initial complaint filed and any other relevant legal documents;

32 (ii) Any change of name, address or other contact information;

33 (iii) Any administrative action taken against the constable in any jurisdiction by any  
34 government agency within or outside of this state. The report shall include a copy of all relevant

1 legal documents.

2 (3) Failure to respond to the department within ten (10) days to any written inquiry from  
3 the department;

4 (4) Where a certified constable, in performing or attempting to perform any of the acts  
5 mentioned in this section, is found to have committed any of the following:

6 (i) Inappropriate conduct that fails to promote public confidence, including failure to  
7 maintain impartiality, equity, and fairness in the conduct of his or her duties;

8 (ii) Neglect, misfeasance, or malfeasance of his or her duties;

9 (iii) Failure to adhere to court policies, rules, procedures, or regulations;

10 (iv) Failure to maintain the highest standards of personal integrity, honesty, and  
11 truthfulness, including misrepresentation, bad faith, dishonesty, incompetence, or an arrest or  
12 conviction of a crime.

13 (5) A copy of the determination of the director of department of business regulation, or his  
14 or her designee, shall be forwarded to the chief judge of the district court within ten (10) business  
15 days.

16 (b) Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the chief of any court from suspending  
17 the certification of a constable to serve process within his or her respective court pending the  
18 outcome of an investigation consistent with the provisions of chapter 35 of title 42.

19 (c) The department is authorized to levy an administrative penalty not exceeding one  
20 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each violation for failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter  
21 or with any rule or regulation promulgated by the department.

22 **9-5-10.6. Certified constables' board.**

23 (a) There shall be created a certified constables' board that shall review each applicant and  
24 recommend him or her for training, conduct the oral examination of each applicant, and that shall  
25 serve as a resource ~~to the chief judge and~~ the department in the consideration of the practical aspects  
26 of constable practice. The board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the governor: two  
27 (2) who shall be constables in good standing who have served for at least ten (10) years, one of  
28 whom shall be ~~appointed~~ recommended by the Rhode Island Constables, Inc. and one ~~appointed~~  
29 recommended by the Rhode Island Constables Association; and three (3) attorneys who shall be  
30 licensed to practice law by the supreme court in good standing ~~who shall be appointed by the chief~~  
31 ~~judge of the district court~~. Members of the constables' board shall serve for terms of five (5) years  
32 until a successor is appointed and qualified.

33 (b) A representative of the board may attend hearings in order to furnish advice to the  
34 department. The board may also consult with the department of business regulation from time to

1 time on matters relating to constable certification.

2 SECTION 5. Sections 23-26-7.1, 23-26-11, 23-26-12, 23-26-13, 23-26-15, 23-26-25, 23-  
3 26-26, 23-26-27, 23-26-30 and 23-26-31 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-26 entitled "Bedding  
4 and Upholstered Furniture" are hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **23-26-7.1. Sterilization, disinfection and disinfestation of bedding and materials.**

6 (a) No person shall sell, offer for sale or include in a sale any item of secondhand bedding  
7 or any item of bedding of any type manufactured in whole or in part from secondhand material,  
8 including their component parts or wiping rags, unless such material has been sterilized, disinfected  
9 and cleaned, by a method approved by the department of business regulation; provided, further,  
10 that any product used for sterilization or disinfection of secondhand bedding must be registered as  
11 consumer and health benefit products and labeled for use on bedding and upholstered furniture by  
12 the EPA in accordance with § 23-25-6 of this title. The department of business regulation shall  
13 promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this chapter.

14 (b) No person shall use in the manufacture, repair and renovation of bedding of any type  
15 any material which has been used by a person with an infectious or contagious disease, or which is  
16 filthy, oily or harbors loathsome insects or pathogenic bacteria.

17 (c) No person shall sell, or offer for sale or include in a sale any material or bedding which  
18 under the provisions of this chapter or regulations requires treatment unless there is securely  
19 attached in accordance with regulations, a yellow tag not less than twelve square inches in size,  
20 made of substantial cloth or a material of equal quality. Upon the tag there shall be plainly printed,  
21 in black ink, in the English language, a statement showing:

22 (1) That the item or material has been treated by a method approved by the department of  
23 business regulation, and the method of treatment applied.

24 (2) The lot number and the tag number of the item treated.

25 (3) The ~~license~~ [registration](#) number of the person applying treatment.

26 (4) The name and address of the person for whom treated.

27 (d) The tag required by this section shall be in addition to any other tag required pursuant  
28 to the provisions of this chapter. Holders of ~~licenses~~ [registrations](#) to apply sterilization, disinfection  
29 or disinfestation treatment shall be required to keep an accurate record of all materials which have  
30 been subjected to treatment, including the source of material, date of treatment, and the name and  
31 address of the receiver of each. Such records shall be available for inspection at any time by  
32 authorized representatives of the department.

33 (e) Violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars  
34 (\$500).

1           **23-26-11. ~~Counterfeit stamps and permits~~ Counterfeit stamps and registrations.**

2           No person shall have in his or her possession or shall make, use, or sell any counterfeit or  
3 colorable imitation of the inspection stamp or ~~permit~~ [registration](#) required by this chapter. Each  
4 counterfeited or imitated stamp or ~~permit~~ [registration](#) made, used, sold, offered for sale, delivered,  
5 or consigned for sale contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

6           **23-26-12. ~~Sterilization permits~~ Sterilization registrations.**

7           Any sterilization process, before being used in connection with this chapter, must receive  
8 the approval of the director. Every person, firm, or corporation desiring to operate the sterilization  
9 process shall first obtain a numbered ~~permit~~ [registration](#) from the director and shall not operate the  
10 process unless the ~~permit~~ [registration](#) is kept conspicuously posted in the establishment. Fee for  
11 original ~~permit~~ [registration](#) shall be eighty-four dollars (\$84.00). Application for the ~~permit~~  
12 [registration](#) shall be accompanied by specifications in duplicate, in such form as the director shall  
13 require. Each ~~permit~~ [registration](#) shall expire one year from date of issue. Fee for annual renewal  
14 of a sterilizing ~~permit~~ [registration](#) shall be one-half (1/2) the original fee.

15           **23-26-13. Contents of tag on bedding articles for sale.**

16           Every article of bedding made for sale, sold, or offered for sale shall have attached thereto  
17 a tag which shall state the name of the material used, that the material used is new, or second-hand  
18 and, when required to be sterilized, that the material has been sterilized, and the number of the  
19 sterilizing ~~permit~~ [registration](#). The tag shall also contain the name and address of the maker or the  
20 vendor and the registry number of the maker. All tags attached to new articles shall be legibly  
21 stamped or marked by the retail vendor with the date of delivery to the customer.

22           **23-26-15. Contents of tag on shipments of filling material.**

23           Any shipment or delivery, however contained, of material used for filling articles of  
24 bedding shall have firmly and conspicuously attached thereto a tag which shall state the name of  
25 the maker, preparer or vendor, and the address of the maker, preparer, or vendor, the name of the  
26 contents and whether the contents are new or second-hand, and, if sterilized, the number of the  
27 sterilizing ~~permit~~ [registration](#).

28           **23-26-25. ~~Rules, regulations, and findings -- Suspension or revocation of permits~~**

29           **Rules, regulations, and findings -- Suspension or revocation of registrations.**

30           (a) The director is hereby authorized and empowered to make general rules and regulations  
31 and specific rulings, demands, and findings for the enforcement of this chapter, in addition hereto  
32 and not inconsistent herewith. The director may suspend or revoke any ~~permit or~~ registration for  
33 violation of any provision of this chapter, or any rule, regulation, ruling, or demand made pursuant  
34 to the authority granted by this chapter.



1 (b) The director of the department of health shall investigate and enforce the provisions of  
2 § 23-26-3.1, and promulgate rules and regulations deemed necessary to enforce it.

3 **23-26-26. Appeal of director's decisions.**

4 Any person aggrieved by the action of the director in denying an application for a ~~permit~~  
5 ~~or for~~ registration, or in revoking or suspending any ~~permit or~~ registration, or by any order or  
6 decision of the director, shall have the right to appeal to the supreme court and the procedure in  
7 case of the appeal shall be the same as that provided in § 42-35-15.

8 **23-26-27. Penalty for violations.**

9 Any person who:

10 (1) Makes, remakes, renovates, sterilizes, prepares, sells, or offers for sale, exchange, or  
11 lease any article of bedding as defined by § 23-26-1, not properly tagged as required by this chapter;  
12 or

13 (2) Uses in the making, remaking, renovating, or preparing of the article of bedding or in  
14 preparing cotton or other material therefor that has been used as a mattress, pillow, or bedding in  
15 any public or private hospital, or that has been used by or about any person having an infectious or  
16 contagious disease, and that after such use has not been sterilized and approved for use, by the  
17 director of business regulation; or

18 (3) Counterfeits or imitates any stamp or ~~permit~~ registration issued under this chapter shall  
19 be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or  
20 by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

21 (4) Any person or entity who or that violates the provisions of § 23-26-3.1 shall be civilly  
22 fined not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the first violation and up to ten thousand  
23 dollars (\$10,000) for each subsequent violation.

24 **~~23-26-30. License required -- Application -- Issuance and term of license~~ Registration**  
25 **required -- Application -- Issuance and term of registration.**

26 No person shall be engaged: (1) as a manufacturer of articles of bedding for sale at  
27 wholesale; (2) as a manufacturer of articles of bedding for sale at retail; (3) as a supply dealer; (4)  
28 as a repairer-renovator; or (5) as a retailer of second-hand articles of bedding, unless he or she has  
29 obtained the appropriate numbered ~~license~~ registration therefor from the director, who is hereby  
30 empowered to issue the ~~license~~ registration. Application for the ~~license~~ registration shall be made  
31 on forms provided by the director and shall contain such information as the director may deem  
32 material and necessary. Based on the information furnished in the application and on any  
33 investigation deemed necessary by the director, the applicant's classification shall be determined.  
34 Each ~~license~~ registration issued by the director pursuant to this section shall be conspicuously

1 posted in the establishment of the person to whom issued. The director may withhold the issuance  
2 of a [license registration](#) to any person who shall make any false statement in the application for a  
3 [license registration](#) under this chapter. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations  
4 mandating the term of [license registration](#) for each category of [license registration](#) issued pursuant  
5 to this chapter; however, no [license registration](#) shall remain in force for a period in excess of three  
6 (3) years. The fee for the initial issuance or renewal of a [license registration](#) shall be determined by  
7 multiplying the per annum fee by the number of years in the term of the [license registration](#). The  
8 entire fee ~~must~~ shall be paid in full for the total number of years of [license registration](#) prior to the  
9 issuance of the [license registration](#).

10 **23-26-31. Fees.**

11 (a) The per annum fees imposed for [licenses registrations](#) issued pursuant to § 23-26-30  
12 shall be as follows:

13 (1) Every applicant classified as a manufacturer of articles of bedding for sale at wholesale  
14 or retail or as a supply dealer shall pay, prior to the issuance of a general [license registration](#), a per  
15 annum fee of two hundred ten dollars (\$210) and the [licensee registrant](#) may be engaged in any or  
16 all of the following:

17 (i) Manufacture of articles of bedding for sale at wholesale;

18 (ii) Manufacture of articles of bedding for sale at retail;

19 (iii) Supply dealer;

20 (iv) Repairer-renovator.

21 (2) Every applicant classified as a repairer-renovator or retailer of second-hand articles of  
22 bedding shall pay, prior to the issuance of a limited [license registration](#), a per annum fee of sixty  
23 dollars (\$60.00), and the [licensee registrant](#) may be engaged in any or all of the following:

24 (i) Repairer-renovator;

25 (ii) Retailer of second-hand articles of bedding; provided, however, that if a [licensee](#)  
26 [registrant](#) is reclassified from one category to another which calls for a higher [license registration](#)  
27 fee, he or she shall pay a pro rata share of the higher [license registration](#) fee for the unexpired period  
28 and shall be issued a new [license registration](#) to expire on the expiration date of the original [license](#)  
29 [registration](#).

30 (b) If, through error, a [licensee registrant](#) has been improperly classified as of the date of  
31 issue of his or her current [license registration](#), the proper fee for the entire period shall be payable.  
32 Any overpayment shall be refunded to the [licensee registrant](#). No refunds shall be allowed to any  
33 [licensee registrant](#) who has discontinued business, or whose [license registration](#) has been revoked  
34 or suspended or who has been reclassified to a category calling for a greater or lesser [license](#)

1 [registration](#) fee, except as provided herein. The fee shall be paid to the director of business  
2 regulation. For reissuing a revoked or expired ~~license~~ [registration](#) the fee shall be the same as for  
3 an original ~~license~~ [registration](#).

4 (c) All payments for registration fees, sterilization process, ~~permits~~, fines and penalties,  
5 and other money received under this chapter shall constitute inspection fees for the purpose of  
6 enforcing this chapter.

7 SECTION 6. Section 41-5.2-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 41-5.2 entitled "Mixed  
8 Martial Arts" is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 ~~**41-5.2-2. License required for mixed-martial-arts exhibitions**~~ **License required for**  
10 **mixed-martial-arts exhibitions -- Amateur exhibitions exempt.**

11 (a) [Except as provided in subsection \(b\) of this section, no](#) ~~no~~ mixed-martial-arts match or  
12 exhibition for a prize or a purse, or at which an admission fee is charged, either directly or  
13 indirectly, in the form of dues or otherwise, shall take place or be conducted in this state unless  
14 licensed by the division of gaming and athletics licensing in accordance with this chapter.

15 [\(b\) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any mixed-martial-arts match or](#)  
16 [exhibition in which the contestants are amateurs and that is conducted under the supervision and](#)  
17 [control of:](#)

18 [\(1\) Any educational institution recognized by the council on postsecondary education and](#)  
19 [the council on elementary and secondary education of this state; or](#)

20 [\(2\) Any religious or charitable organization or society engaged in the training of youth and](#)  
21 [recognized as such by the division of gaming and athletics licensing in this state.](#)

22 [\(c\) For the purposes of this section, an "amateur" means a person who engages in mixed-](#)  
23 [martial-arts matches or exhibitions for which no cash prizes are awarded to the participants, and](#)  
24 [for which the prize competed for, if any, shall not exceed in value the sum of twenty-five dollars](#)  
25 [\(\\$25.00\).](#)

26 SECTION 7. Chapter 41-5.2 of the General Laws entitled "Mixed Martial Arts" is hereby  
27 amended by adding thereto the following section:

28 **41-5.2-30. Fees of officials.**

29 [The fees of the referee and other licensed officials, as established by this chapter, shall be](#)  
30 [fixed by the division of gaming and athletics licensing, and shall be paid by the licensed](#)  
31 [organization prior to the exhibition.](#)

32 SECTION 8. Chapter 5-2 of the General Laws entitled "Bowling Alleys, Billiard Tables,  
33 and Shooting Galleries" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

34 **5-2-3.1. Billiard table defined.**

1 As used in this chapter, the term "billiard table" means and shall include billiard tables,  
2 pool tables, and pocket billiard tables.

3 SECTION 9. Sections 5-12-1, 5-12-2, 5-12-3 and 5-12-4 of the General Laws in Chapter  
4 5-12 entitled "Hide and Leather Inspection" are hereby repealed.

5 **5-12-1. Town and city inspectors:**

6 ~~There may be annually elected by the town councils of the several towns and by the city~~  
7 ~~councils of Providence and Newport an officer to be denominated "inspector of hides and leather,"~~  
8 ~~who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his or her duties.~~

9 **5-12-2. Inspection and stamping of hides and leather:**

10 ~~City and town inspectors of hides and leather shall examine and inspect all hides and leather~~  
11 ~~that they may be called upon to inspect, within their towns or cities, and stamp upon the inspected~~  
12 ~~hides or leather their quality, as rated in the hides and leather trade, together with the name of the~~  
13 ~~inspector and date of inspection.~~

14 **5-12-3. Inspection fees:**

15 ~~The fee of the inspector shall be at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for each hour~~  
16 ~~actually employed, paid by the person employing him or her; provided, that not more than five (5)~~  
17 ~~hours shall be paid for by one employer for the same day.~~

18 **5-12-4. Misconduct by inspectors:**

19 ~~Every inspector appointed under the provisions of this chapter who willfully stamps any~~  
20 ~~hides or leather as of a grade above or below that at which it is properly ratable, shall forfeit and~~  
21 ~~pay a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100) and is liable to an action at law for damages to any~~  
22 ~~person injured from the action.~~

23 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would repeal the provisions and chapter regulating hide and leather inspection.  
2           This act would further provide that applicants for constable shall undergo ninety (90) days of  
3           training and oral examination and written testing prior to certification. This act would also provide  
4           for issuance of registrations for establishments involved in sterilization of bedding. The act would  
5           further provide that except for amateur exhibitions, mixed-martial arts exhibitions shall be licensed.  
6           This act also would provide that municipalities may regulate establishments with three (3) or more  
7           pool tables.  
8           This act would take effect upon passage.

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