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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

A N A C T

RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Introduced By: Representative Alex S. Finkelman

Date Introduced: January 10, 2025

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3-7-16.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 3-7 entitled "Retail
2 Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **3-7-16.3. Class T legitimate theater license.**

4 (a) Legitimate theaters as defined in subsection (b) or subsection (c) may apply for a Class
5 T license. The license authorizes the holder of the license to keep for sale and to sell beverages at
6 retail in the place described in the license and to deliver those beverages for consumption on the
7 premises where sold at the times when scheduled events relating to art, the legitimate theater or
8 community artistic experiences may be held on those premises and for a period of one hour prior
9 to those events and one hour subsequent thereto, provided those events begin subsequent to twelve
10 o'clock (12:00) noon. The licensed premises may contain a bar. A Class T license authorizes
11 entertainment only in conformity with ordinances of the city or town where the facility is located
12 on the licensed premises. Class T licenses shall only be issued by the local licensing authority.

13 (b) "Legitimate theaters," for the purposes of this section, includes nonprofit, cultural
14 organizations and for-profit historic theaters located in the city of Newport, ~~or~~ the town of
15 Burrillville or the town of Jamestown, with a primary purpose of providing a support system to
16 deliver and coordinate various arts activities for the benefit of the communities the theaters serve
17 or that provide live, regularly scheduled theatrical productions on a regular basis throughout the
18 year and all events contributing toward the goal of providing quality artistic experiences for the
19 community.

1 (c) For purposes of this section, “legitimate theaters” shall also include facility
2 management corporations that are contractually authorized to manage buildings owned or under
3 the authority of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority with a primary purpose of providing
4 a support system to deliver and coordinate various arts activities for the benefit of the communities
5 the corporations serve or that provide live, regularly scheduled theatrical productions on a regular
6 basis throughout the year and all events contributing toward the goal of providing quality artistic
7 experiences for the community.

8 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 allow for the issuance of a Class T liquor license by the town of Jamestown.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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