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when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and  
Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to  
authorizing motion picture theatres to serve alcoholic beverages

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision 27 of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage  
2     control law is amended to read as follows:  
3     27. "Restaurant" shall mean a place which is regularly and in a bona  
4     fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for  
5     compensation and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected there-  
6     with, containing conveniences for cooking an assortment of foods, which  
7     may be required for ordinary meals, the kitchen of which must, at all  
8     times, be in charge of a chef with the necessary help, and kept in a  
9     sanitary condition with the proper amount of refrigeration for keeping  
10    of food on said premises and must comply with all the regulations of the  
11    local department of health. RESTAURANT SHALL INCLUDE A MOTION PICTURE  
12    THEATRE, MOVIE THEATRE OR OTHER VENUE THAT SHOWS MOTION PICTURES THAT  
13    MEET THE DEFINITIONS OF RESTAURANT AND MEALS, AND ALL SEATING IS AT  
14    TABLES WHERE MEALS ARE SERVED. "Meals" shall mean the usual assortment  
15    of foods commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of  
16    such food and victuals only as sandwiches or salads shall not be deemed  
17    a compliance with this requirement. "Guests" shall mean persons who,  
18    during the hours when meals are regularly served therein, come to a  
19    restaurant for the purpose of obtaining, and actually order and obtain  
20    at such time, in good faith, a meal therein. Nothing in this subdivision  
21    contained, however, shall be construed to require that any food be sold  
22    or purchased with any beverage.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control  
2 law, as added by chapter 531 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 6. No special on-premises license shall be granted except for premises  
5 in which the principal business shall be (a) the sale of food or beverages at retail for consumption on the premises or (b) the operation of a  
6 legitimate theatre or such other lawful adult entertainment or recreational facility as the liquor authority, giving due regard to the  
7 convenience of the public and the strict avoidance of sales prohibited  
8 by this chapter, shall by regulation classify for eligibility. Nothing  
9 contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to authorize the issuance  
10 of a license to a motion picture theatre, EXCEPT THOSE MEETING THE DEFINITION OF RESTAURANT AND MEALS, AND WHERE ALL SEATING IS AT TABLES WHERE  
11 MEALS ARE SERVED.

12 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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