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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 27 of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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6. No special on-premises license shall be granted except for premises 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 legitimate theatre or such other lawful adult entertainment or recreational facility as the liquor authority, giving due regard to the convenience of the public and the strict avoidance of sales prohibited by this chapter, shall by regulation classify for eligibility. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to authorize the issuance 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 MEALS ARE SERVED.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.