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AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to the siting of certain premises licensed to sell liquor for consumption on the premises, which premises are located in cities with populations in excess of one million people

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d-1) of subdivision 7 of section 64 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, is amended and a new paragraph (d-2) is added to read as follows:

(d-1) Within the context of this subdivision, a building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship by incidental uses that are not of a nature to detract from the predominant character of the building as a place of worship, such uses which include, but which are not limited to: the conduct of legally authorized games of bingo or other games of chance held as a means of raising funds for the not-for-profit religious organization which conducts services at the place of worship or for other not-for-profit organizations or groups; use of the building for fund-raising performances by or [benefitting] BENEFITING the not-for-profit religious organization which conducts services at the place of worship or other not-for-profit organizations or groups; the use of the building by other religious organizations or groups for religious services or other purposes; the conduct of social activities by or for the benefit of the congregants; the use of the building for meetings held by organizations

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

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or groups providing bereavement counseling to persons having suffered the loss of a loved one, or providing advice or support for conditions or diseases including, but not limited to, alcoholism, drug addiction, cancer, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, or Alzheimer's disease; the use of the building for blood drives, health screenings, health information meetings, yoga classes, exercise classes or other activities intended to promote the health of the congregants or other persons; and use of the building by non-congregant members of the community for private social functions. The building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship where the not-for-profit religious organization occupying the place of worship accepts the payment of funds to defray costs related to another party's use of the building.

(D-2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WITH RESPECT TO CITIES HAVING POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE, THE MEASUREMENTS IN PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE TO BE TAKEN IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP OR FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF EACH SUCH PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT, HOWEVER, THAT NO RENEWAL LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED BECAUSE OF SUCH RESTRICTION TO ANY PREMISES SO LOCATED WHICH WERE MAINTAINED AS A BONA FIDE HOTEL, RESTAURANT, CATERING ESTABLISHMENT OR CLUB ON OR PRIOR TO DECEMBER FIFTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE; AND, EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN A BUILDING ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID PREMISES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES, WHICH IS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF THREE OR MORE EXISTING PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY ON OR PRIOR TO NOVEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-THREE; AND EXCEPT THAT THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO RESTRICT THE ISSUANCE OF A HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSE TO A BUILDING USED AS A HOTEL AND IN WHICH A RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE CURRENTLY EXISTS FOR PREMISES WHICH SERVE AS A DINING ROOM FOR GUESTS OF THE HOTEL AND A CATERER'S LICENSE TO A PERSON USING THE PERMANENT CATERING FACILITIES OF A CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUCH PERSON AND THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF SUCH FACILITIES. THE LIQUOR AUTHORITY, IN ITS DISCRETION, MAY AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL OF ANY SUCH LICENSED PREMISES TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE, WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, PROVIDED THAT SUCH NEW LOCATION IS NOT WITHIN A CLOSER DISTANCE TO SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP.

S 2. Subdivision 7 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

(B-1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (A) AND PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WITH RESPECT TO CITIES HAVING POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE, THE MEASUREMENTS IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE TO BE TAKEN IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, OR FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF EACH SUCH PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN A BUILDING ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID PREMISES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES, WHICH IS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF THREE OR MORE EXISTING PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY ON OR PRIOR TO NOVEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-THREE.

S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 64-b of the alcoholic beverage control law is amended by adding a new paragraph (a-1) to read as follows:

(A-1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WITH RESPECT TO CITIES HAVING POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE, NO BOTTLE CLUB LICENSE SHALL BE GRANTED FOR ANY PREMISES WHICH SHALL BE ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF A BUILDING OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; THE MEASUREMENTS TO BE TAKEN IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN A BUILDING ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID PREMISES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

S 4. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 11 of section 64-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, is amended and a new paragraph (b-1) is added to read as follows:

(B-1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF PARAGRAPH (A) AND PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WITH RESPECT TO CITIES HAVING POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE, THE MEASUREMENTS IN

SUBPARAGRAPHS (I) AND (II) OF PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE TO BE TAKEN IN STRAIGHT LINES FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP, OR FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF A PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE BOUNDARY LINE OF EACH SUCH PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN A BUILDING ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID PREMISES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES, WHICH IS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF THREE OR MORE EXISTING PREMISES LICENSED AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION SIXTY-FOUR OR SIXTY-FOUR-A OF THIS ARTICLE, AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY ON OR PRIOR TO NOVEMBER FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-THREE.

(d) Within the context of this subdivision, a building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship by incidental uses that are not of a nature to detract from the predominant character of the building as a place of worship, such uses which include, but which are not limited to: the conduct of legally authorized games of bingo or other games of chance held as a means of raising funds for the not-for-profit religious organization which conducts services at the place of worship or for other not-for-profit organizations or groups; use of the building for fund-raising perform-ances by or [benefitting] BENEFITING the not-for-profit religious organ-ization which conducts services at the place of worship or other not-for-profit organizations or groups; the use of the building by other religious organizations or groups for religious services or other purposes; the conduct of social activities by or for the benefit of the congregants; the use of the building for meetings held by organizations or groups providing bereavement counseling to persons having suffered the loss of a loved one, or providing advice or support for conditions or diseases including, but not limited to, alcoholism, drug addiction, cancer, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, or Alzheimer's disease; the use of the building for blood drives, health screenings, health informa-tion meetings, yoga classes, exercise classes or other activities intended to promote the health of the congregants or other persons; and use of the building by non-congregant members of the community for private social functions. The building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship where the not-for-profit religious organization occupying the place of worship accepts the payment of funds to defray costs related to another party's use of the building.

S 5. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 105 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as added by chapter 406 of the laws of 2007, is amended and a new paragraph (b-1) is added to read as follows:

(B-1) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WITH RESPECT TO CITIES HAVING POPULATIONS IN EXCESS OF ONE MILLION PEOPLE, NO RETAIL LICENSE TO SELL LIQUOR AND/OR WINE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION SHALL BE GRANTED FOR ANY PREMISES WHICH SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE, AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF A BUILDING OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; THE MEASUREMENTS TO BE TAKEN IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM THE POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE PREMISES TO BE LICENSED THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE CLOSEST POINT ON THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE OF SUCH SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; EXCEPT, HOWEVER, THAT NO LICENSE SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO THE DATE WHEN A BUILDING ON THE SAME STREET OR AVENUE AND WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF SAID PREMISES HAS BEEN OCCUPIED EXCLUSIVELY AS A SCHOOL, CHURCH, SYNAGOGUE OR OTHER PLACE OF WORSHIP; AND EXCEPT THAT NO LICENSE OR RENEWAL THEREOF SHALL BE DENIED TO ANY PREMISES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AT WHICH A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE CONTINUOUSLY FROM A DATE PRIOR TO DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

(c) Within the context of this subdivision, a building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship by incidental uses that are not of a nature to detract from the predominant character of the building as a place of worship, such uses which include, but which are not limited to: the conduct of legally authorized games of bingo or other games of chance held as a means of raising funds for the not-for-profit religious organization which conducts services at the place of worship or for other not-for-profit organizations or groups; use of the building for fund-raising performances by or [benefitting] BENEFITING the not-for-profit religious [organizations] ORGANIZATION which conducts services at the place of worship or other not-for-profit organizations or groups; the use of the building by other religious organizations or groups for religious services or other purposes; the conduct of social activities by or for the benefit of the congregants; the use of the building for meetings held by organizations or groups providing bereavement counseling to persons having suffered the loss of a loved one, or providing advice or support for conditions or diseases including, but not limited to, alcoholism, drug addiction, cancer, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, or Alzheimer's disease; the use of the building for blood drives, health screenings, health information meetings, yoga classes, exercise classes or other activities intended to promote the health of the congregants or other persons; and use of the building by non-congregant members of the community for private social functions. The building occupied as a place of worship does not cease to be "exclusively" occupied as a place of worship where the not-for-profit religious organization occupying the place of worship accepts the payment of funds to defray costs related to another party's use of the building.

S 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.