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Introduced by M. of A. LENTOL, LUPARDO, WEPRIN, FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to alcohol in certain motion picture theatres

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage  
2 control law, as added by chapter 531 of the laws of 1964, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4     4. Section fifty-four shall control so far as applicable the procedure  
5 in connection with such application, EXCEPT MOTION PICTURE THEATRES  
6 APPLYING FOR A LICENSE PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
7 ALSO BE REQUIRED TO:

8     (A) AT EVERY PURCHASE OF BEER, WINE, SPIRITS, OR OTHER INTOXICATING  
9 BEVERAGE, THE PURCHASER MUST PRESENT VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CONFIRM-  
10 ING THAT THE INDIVIDUAL PURCHASER IS OVER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, AND A  
11 VALID TICKET OR TICKET STUB FOR A MOTION PICTURE AT THE MOTION PICTURE  
12 THEATRE;

13     (B) PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF ONLY ONE BEER, WINE, SPIRITS, OR OTHER  
14 INTOXICATING BEVERAGE PER TRANSACTION; AND

15     (C) PERMIT THE SALE OF BEER, WINE, SPIRITS, OR OTHER INTOXICATING  
16 BEVERAGE ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE FIRST MOTION PICTURE, AND SALES SHALL NOT  
17 BE PERMITTED AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINAL MOTION PICTURE.

18     S 2. Subdivision 6 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control  
19 law, as amended by chapter 475 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read  
20 as follows:

21     6. No special on-premises license shall be granted except for premises  
22 in which the principal business shall be (a) the sale of food or beverages  
23 at retail for consumption on the premises or (b) the operation of a  
24 legitimate theatre, INCLUDING A MOTION PICTURE THEATRE THAT IS A BUILD-  
25 ING OR FACILITY WHICH IS REGULARLY USED AND KEPT OPEN PRIMARILY FOR THE  
26 EXHIBITION OF MOTION PICTURES ON A DAILY BASIS, OR ON A REGULAR SEASONAL

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

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1 BASIS OF NO LESS THAN SIX CONTIGUOUS WEEKS, TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHERE  
2 ALL AUDITORIUM SEATING IS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE FLOOR AND AT LEAST  
3 SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE MOTION PICTURE THEATRE'S ANNUAL GROSS REVENUES  
4 IS THE COMBINED RESULT OF ADMISSION REVENUE FOR THE SHOWING OF MOTION  
5 PICTURES AND THE SALE OF FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, or such other  
6 lawful adult entertainment or recreational facility as the liquor  
7 authority, giving due regard to the convenience of the public and the  
8 strict avoidance of sales prohibited by this chapter, shall by regu-  
9 lation classify for eligibility. Nothing contained in this subdivision  
10 shall be deemed to authorize the issuance of a license to a motion  
11 picture theatre, except those meeting the definition of restaurant and  
12 meals, and where all seating is at tables where meals are served.

13 S 3. Subdivision 8 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control  
14 law, as added by chapter 531 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 8. Every special on-premises licensee shall regularly keep food avail-  
17 able for sale to its customers for consumption on the premises. The  
18 availability of sandwiches, soups or other foods, whether fresh, proc-  
19 essed, pre-cooked or frozen, shall be deemed compliance with this  
20 requirement. FOR MOTION PICTURE THEATRES LICENSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF  
21 SUBDIVISION SIX OF THIS SECTION, FOOD THAT IS TYPICALLY FOUND IN A  
22 MOTION PICTURE THEATRE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: POPCORN, CANDY,  
23 AND LIGHT SNACKS, SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIRE-  
24 MENT. The licensed premises shall comply at all times with all the regu-  
25 lations of the local department of health. Nothing contained in this  
26 subdivision, however, shall be construed to require that any food be  
27 sold or purchased with any liquor, nor shall any rule, regulation or  
28 standard be promulgated or enforced requiring that the sale of food be  
29 substantial or that the receipts of the business other than from the  
30 sale of liquor equal any set percentage of total receipts from sales  
31 made therein.

32 S 4. Subdivision 9 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control  
33 law, as added by chapter 531 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 9. IN THE CASE OF A MOTION PICTURE THEATRE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE  
36 UNDER THIS SECTION, ANY MUNICIPALITY REQUIRED TO BE NOTIFIED UNDER  
37 SECTION ONE HUNDRED TEN-B OF THIS CHAPTER MAY EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO AN  
38 INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION, AND SUCH OPPOSITION MAY SERVE AS BASIS FOR  
39 REJECTION OF SUCH APPLICATION BY THE LIQUOR AUTHORITY.

40 10. The liquor authority may make such rules as it deems necessary to  
41 carry out the provisions of this section.

42 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.