Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, BRAUNSTEIN, CUSICK, GRIFFIN, DICKENS, OTIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to credit days to retail on-premises licensees that were unable to operate as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1. Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any on-premises licensee and any manufacturing licensee with on-premises retail privileges that are licensed pursuant to the alcoholic beverage control law shall receive a credit to the next renewal of their license on a pro-rata basis for each inactive day, up to a maximum of ninety days. An inactive day shall mean each day between March 15, 2020 and December 31, 2020 that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic or the government response to the pandemic, the licensee was closed, or ceased all on-premises retail business functions that require a license under the alcoholic beverage control law. The on-premises licensee and any manufacturing licensee with on-premises retail privileges shall document to the state liquor authority, on a form provided by the authority, the number of inactive days, up to a maximum of ninety days, that they are claiming for a credit to be added to their next retail on-premise license renewal.

2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2024.

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