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Introduced by M. of A. BORES, SIMON, TAYLOR, K. BROWN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to extending the two hundred foot rule to certain treatment facilities

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision 7 of  
2 section 64 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter  
3 463 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

4 (a) on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of a  
5 building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other  
6 place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental  
7 illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene  
8 law or

9 (c) the measurements in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision are  
10 to be taken in straight lines from the center of the nearest entrance of  
11 the premises sought to be licensed to the center of the nearest entrance  
12 of such school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or such  
13 treatment facility for individuals with mental illness or chemical  
14 dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law or to the center  
15 of the nearest entrance of each such premises licensed and operating  
16 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b,  
17 sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article; except, however, that  
18 no renewal license shall be denied because of such restriction to any  
19 premises so located which were maintained as a bona fide hotel, restau-  
20 rant, catering establishment or club on or prior to December fifth,  
21 nineteen hundred thirty-three; and, except that no license shall be  
22 denied to any premises at which a license under this chapter has been in  
23 existence continuously from a date prior to the date when a building on  
24 the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of said premises  
25 has been occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other

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

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1 place of worship or as a treatment facility; and except that no license  
2 shall be denied to any premises, which is within five hundred feet of  
3 three or more existing premises licensed and operating pursuant to this  
4 section and sections sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or  
5 sixty-four-d of this article, at which a license under this chapter has  
6 been in existence continuously on or prior to November first, nineteen  
7 hundred ninety-three; and except that this subdivision shall not be  
8 deemed to restrict the issuance of a hotel liquor license to a building  
9 used as a hotel and in which a restaurant liquor license currently  
10 exists for premises which serve as a dining room for guests of the hotel  
11 and a caterer's license to a person using the permanent catering facili-  
12 ties of a church, synagogue or other place of worship pursuant to a  
13 written agreement between such person and the authorities in charge of  
14 such facilities. The liquor authority, in its discretion, may authorize  
15 the removal of any such licensed premises to a different location on the  
16 same street or avenue, within two hundred feet of said school, church,  
17 synagogue or other place of worship or treatment facility, provided that  
18 such new location is not within a closer distance to such school,  
19 church, synagogue or other place of worship or such treatment facility.

20 (d) Within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
21 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, of a treatment facility  
22 for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
23 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or of premises licensed and operating  
24 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b,  
25 sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article or of the premises  
26 sought to be licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the  
27 school, to the general public attending the place of worship, to  
28 patients and visitors of a treatment facility and to patrons or guests  
29 of the premises licensed and operating pursuant to this section and  
30 sections sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d  
31 of this article or of the premises sought to be licensed, except that  
32 where a school or house of worship or treatment facility or premises  
33 licensed and operating pursuant to this section and sections  
34 sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this  
35 article or the premises sought to be licensed is set back from a public  
36 thoroughfare, the walkway or stairs leading to any such door shall be  
37 deemed an entrance; and the measurement shall be taken to the center of  
38 the walkway or stairs at the point where it meets the building line or  
39 public thoroughfare. A door which has no exterior hardware, or which is  
40 used solely as an emergency or fire exit, or for maintenance purposes,  
41 or which leads directly to a part of a building not regularly used by  
42 the general public or patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

43 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter to the contrary,  
44 the authority may issue a license to sell liquor at retail to be  
45 consumed on premises to a club as such term is defined in subdivision  
46 nine of section three of this chapter whether or not the building in  
47 which the premises for which such license is to be issued is used exclu-  
48 sively for club purposes and whether or not such premises is within two  
49 hundred feet of a building used exclusively as a school, church, syna-  
50 gogue or place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals  
51 with mental illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the  
52 mental hygiene law if such club is affiliated or associated with such  
53 school, church, synagogue or place of worship or such treatment facility  
54 and the governing body of such school, church, synagogue or other place  
55 of worship or treatment facility has filed written notice with the  
56 authority that it has no objection to the issuance of such license.

1 § 2. Subparagraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of  
2 subdivision 7 of section 64-a of the alcoholic beverage control law, as  
3 amended by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 (i) on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of a  
6 building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other  
7 place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental  
8 illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene  
9 law or

10 (iii) the measurements in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph  
11 are to be taken in straight lines from the center of the nearest  
12 entrance of the premises sought to be licensed to the center of the  
13 nearest entrance of such school, church, synagogue or other place of  
14 worship or such treatment facility for individuals with mental illness  
15 or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law or to  
16 the center of the nearest entrance of each such premises licensed and  
17 operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four,  
18 sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article; except  
19 that no license shall be denied to any premises at which a license under  
20 this chapter has been in existence continuously from a date prior to the  
21 date when a building on the same street or avenue and within two hundred  
22 feet of said premises has been occupied exclusively as a school, church,  
23 synagogue or other place of worship or as a treatment facility; and  
24 except that no license shall be denied to any premises, which is within  
25 five hundred feet of three or more existing premises licensed and oper-  
26 ating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-b,  
27 sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article, at which a license  
28 under this chapter has been in existence continuously on or prior to  
29 November first, nineteen hundred ninety-three. The liquor authority, in  
30 its discretion, may authorize the removal of any such licensed premises  
31 to a different location on the same street or avenue, within two hundred  
32 feet of said school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or  
33 treatment facility, provided that such new location is not within a  
34 closer distance to such school, church, synagogue or other place of  
35 worship or such treatment facility.

36 (b) Within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
37 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, or of a treatment facil-  
38 ity for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
39 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or of premises licensed and operating  
40 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-b, sixty-  
41 four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article or of the premises sought to  
42 be licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the school,  
43 to the general public attending the place of worship, to patients or  
44 visitors of the treatment facility and to patrons or guests of the prem-  
45 ises licensed and operating pursuant to this section and sections  
46 sixty-four, sixty-four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this  
47 article or of the premises sought to be licensed, except that where a  
48 school or house of worship or treatment facility or premises licensed  
49 and operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-  
50 four-b, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article or the prem-  
51 ises sought to be licensed is set back from a public thoroughfare, the  
52 walkway or stairs leading to any such door shall be deemed an entrance;  
53 and the measurement shall be taken to the center of the walkway or  
54 stairs at the point where it meets the building line or public thorough-  
55 fare. A door which has no exterior hardware, or which is used solely as  
56 an emergency or fire exit, or for maintenance purposes, or which leads

1 directly to a part of a building not regularly used by the general  
2 public or patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

3 § 3. Subparagraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of  
4 subdivision 5 of section 64-b of the alcoholic beverage control law,  
5 subparagraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (a) as amended and paragraph  
6 (b) as added by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 (i) on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of a  
9 building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other  
10 place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental  
11 illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene  
12 law; or

13 (iii) the measurements in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph  
14 are to be taken in straight lines from the center of the nearest  
15 entrance of the premises sought to be licensed to the center of the  
16 nearest entrance of such school, church, synagogue or other place of  
17 worship or such treatment facility for individuals with mental illness  
18 or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law or to  
19 the center of the nearest entrance of each such premises licensed and  
20 operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four,  
21 sixty-four-a, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article; except  
22 that no license shall be denied to any premises at which a license under  
23 this chapter has been in existence continuously from a date prior to the  
24 date when a building on the same street or avenue and within two hundred  
25 feet of said premises has been occupied exclusively as a school, church,  
26 synagogue or other place of worship or as a treatment facility; and  
27 except that no license shall be denied to any premises, which is within  
28 five hundred feet of three or more existing premises licensed and oper-  
29 ating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a,  
30 sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article, at which a license  
31 under this chapter has been in existence continuously on or prior to  
32 November first, nineteen hundred ninety-three. The liquor authority, in  
33 its discretion, may authorize the removal of any such licensed premises  
34 to a different location on the same street or avenue, within two hundred  
35 feet of said school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or said  
36 treatment facility, provided that such new location is not within a  
37 closer distance to such school, church, synagogue or other place of  
38 worship or such treatment facility.

39 (b) Within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
40 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, of a treatment facility  
41 for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
42 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or of premises licensed and operating  
43 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-  
44 four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article or of the premises sought to  
45 be licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the school,  
46 to the general public attending the place of worship, to patients and  
47 visitors of a treatment facility and to patrons or guests of the prem-  
48 ises licensed and operating pursuant to this section and sections  
49 sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this  
50 article or of the premises sought to be licensed, except that where a  
51 school or house of worship or treatment facility or premises licensed  
52 and operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-  
53 four-a, sixty-four-c, and/or sixty-four-d of this article or the prem-  
54 ises sought to be licensed is set back from a public thoroughfare, the  
55 walkway or stairs leading to any such door shall be deemed an entrance;  
56 and the measurement shall be taken to the center of the walkway or

1 stairs at the point where it meets the building line or public thorough-  
2 fare. A door which has no exterior hardware, or which is used solely as  
3 an emergency or fire exit, or for maintenance purposes, or which leads  
4 directly to a part of a building not regularly used by the general  
5 public or patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

6 § 4. Subparagraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) of  
7 subdivision 11 of section 64-c of the alcoholic beverage control law, as  
8 amended by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 (i) on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of a  
11 building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other  
12 place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental  
13 illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene  
14 law; or

15 (iii) the measurements in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph  
16 are to be taken in straight lines from the center of the nearest  
17 entrance of the premises sought to be licensed to the center of the  
18 nearest entrance of such school, church, synagogue or other place of  
19 worship or such treatment facility for individuals with mental illness  
20 or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law or to  
21 the center of the nearest entrance of each such premises licensed and  
22 operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four,  
23 sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b and/or sixty-four-d of this article; except  
24 that no license shall be denied to any premises at which a license under  
25 this chapter has been in existence continuously from a date prior to the  
26 date when a building on the same street or avenue and within two hundred  
27 feet of said premises has been occupied exclusively as a school, church,  
28 synagogue or other place of worship or as a treatment facility and  
29 except that no license shall be denied to any premises, which is within  
30 five hundred feet of three or more existing premises licensed and oper-  
31 ating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a,  
32 sixty-four-b and/or sixty-four-d of this article, at which a license  
33 under this chapter has been in existence continuously on or prior to  
34 November first, nineteen hundred ninety-three.

35 (b) Within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
36 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, of a treatment facility  
37 for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
38 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or premises licensed and operating  
39 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-  
40 four-b and/or sixty-four-d of this article or of the premises sought to  
41 be licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the school,  
42 to the general public attending the place of worship, to patients or  
43 visitors of the treatment facility and to patrons or guests of the prem-  
44 ises licensed and operating pursuant to this section and sections  
45 sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b and/or sixty-four-d of this arti-  
46 cle or of the premises sought to be licensed, except that where a school  
47 or house of worship or treatment facility or premises licensed and oper-  
48 ating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a,  
49 sixty-four-b and/or sixty-four-d of this article is set back from a  
50 public thoroughfare, the walkway or stairs leading to any such door  
51 shall be deemed an entrance; and the measurement shall be taken to the  
52 center of the walkway or stairs at the point where it meets the building  
53 line or public thoroughfare. A door which has no exterior hardware, or  
54 which is used solely as an emergency or fire exit, or for maintenance  
55 purposes, or which leads directly to a part of a building not regularly  
56 used by the general public or patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

1 § 5. Paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of subdivision 8 of section 64-d of  
2 the alcoholic beverage control law, paragraphs (a) and (c) as amended  
3 and paragraph (d) as added by chapter 463 of the laws of 2009, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (a) on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of a  
6 building occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other  
7 place of worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental  
8 illness or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene  
9 law or

10 (c) the measurements in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision are  
11 to be taken in straight lines from the center of the nearest entrance of  
12 the premises sought to be licensed to the center of the nearest entrance  
13 of such school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or such  
14 treatment facility for individuals with mental illness or chemical  
15 dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law or to the center  
16 of the nearest entrance of each such premises licensed and operating  
17 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-  
18 four-b, and/or sixty-four-c of this article; except that no license  
19 shall be denied to any premises at which a license under this chapter  
20 has been in existence continuously from a date prior to the date when a  
21 building on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet of  
22 said premises has been occupied exclusively as a school, church, syna-  
23 gogue or other place of worship or as a treatment facility; and except  
24 that no license shall be denied to any premises, which is within five  
25 hundred feet of an existing premises licensed and operating pursuant to  
26 the provisions of this section or which is within five hundred feet of  
27 three or more existing premises licensed and operating pursuant to this  
28 section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, and/or  
29 sixty-four-c of this article, at which a license under this chapter has  
30 been in existence continuously on or prior to November first, nineteen  
31 hundred ninety-three. The liquor authority, in its discretion, may  
32 authorize the removal of any such licensed premises to a different  
33 location on the same street or avenue, within two hundred feet of said  
34 school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or said treatment  
35 facility, provided that such new location is not within a closer  
36 distance to such school, church, synagogue or other place of worship or  
37 such treatment facility.

38 (d) within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
39 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, of a treatment facility  
40 for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
41 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or of premises licensed and operating  
42 pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-  
43 four-b, and/or sixty-four-c of this article or of the premises sought to  
44 be licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the school,  
45 to the general public attending the place of worship, to patients and  
46 visitors of the treatment facility and to patrons or guests of the prem-  
47 ises licensed and operating pursuant to this section and sections  
48 sixty-four, sixty-four-a, sixty-four-b, and/or sixty-four-c of this  
49 article or of the premises sought to be licensed, except that where a  
50 school or house of worship or treatment facility or premises licensed  
51 and operating pursuant to this section and sections sixty-four, sixty-  
52 four-a, sixty-four-b, and/or sixty-four-c of this article or the prem-  
53 ises sought to be licensed is set back from a public thoroughfare, the  
54 walkway or stairs leading to any such door shall be deemed an entrance;  
55 and the measurement shall be taken to the center of the walkway or  
56 stairs at the point where it meets the building line or public thorough-

1 fare. A door which has no exterior hardware, or which is used solely as  
2 an emergency or fire exit, or for maintenance purposes, or which leads  
3 directly to a part of a building not regularly used by the general  
4 public or patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

5 § 6. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision 3 of section 105 of the  
6 alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 406 of the laws of  
7 2007, are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) No retail license to sell liquor and/or wine for off-premises  
9 consumption shall be granted for any premises which shall be located on  
10 the same street or avenue, and within two hundred feet of a building  
11 occupied exclusively as a school, church, synagogue or other place of  
12 worship or as a treatment facility for individuals with mental illness  
13 or chemical dependence operated pursuant to the mental hygiene law; the  
14 measurements to be taken in a straight line from the center of the near-  
15 est entrance to the building used for such school, church, synagogue or  
16 other place of worship or such treatment facility to the center of the  
17 nearest entrance of the premises to be licensed; except, however, that  
18 no license shall be denied to any premises at which a license under this  
19 chapter has been in existence continuously from a date prior to the date  
20 when a building on the same street or avenue and within two hundred feet  
21 of said premises has been occupied exclusively as a school, church,  
22 synagogue or other place of worship or treatment facility.

23 (b) Within the context of this subdivision, the word "entrance" shall  
24 mean a door of a school, of a house of worship, of a treatment facility  
25 for individuals with mental illness or chemical dependence operated  
26 pursuant to the mental hygiene law or of the premises sought to be  
27 licensed, regularly used to give ingress to students of the school, to  
28 the general public attending the place of worship, to patients and visi-  
29 tors of the treatment facility and to patrons or guests of the premises  
30 proposed to be licensed, except that where a school or house of worship  
31 or treatment facility is set back from a public thoroughfare, the walk-  
32 way or stairs leading to any such door shall be deemed an entrance; and  
33 the measurement shall be taken to the center of the walkway or stairs at  
34 the point where it meets the building line or public thoroughfare. A  
35 door which has no exterior hardware, or which is used solely as an emer-  
36 gency or fire exit, or for maintenance purposes, or which leads directly  
37 to a part of a building not regularly used by the general public or  
38 patrons, is not deemed an "entrance".

39 § 7. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
40 have become a law.