



RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSES

SUMMARY OF ASSEMBLY BILL 4267

Introduced by Assemblyman John Burzichelli

- Creates a new “R1” Restricted Restaurant License
 - Permits sale of any alcoholic beverages by the glass or bottle (a similar but more limited beer & wine license is also permitted—see below)
 - Restaurant must measure between 1,500sf and 6,000sf
 - Restaurant must regularly operate a full-service kitchen measuring at least 500sf
 - Bar/bar area is prohibited; however, in addition to table service, drinks can be delivered by wait staff from the permitted “service bar” to patrons waiting to be seated
 - Alcoholic beverages cannot be served before Noon or sooner than one hour before food service begins, whichever occurs later
 - Alcoholic beverages cannot be served after 10pm Sunday through Thursday or after 11pm on Friday or Saturday
 - “Dry” towns can opt-in
 - Initial fee/annual renewal fee: \$3,000 for restaurants measuring between 1,500sf and 3,000sf; \$10,000 for restaurants measuring between 3,001sf and 6,000sf

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➤ Creates a new “R2” Restricted Beer & Wine License

- Same as “R1” license, except:
 - No service to waiting area
 - Initial fee/annual renewal fee: \$1,500 for restaurants measuring between 1,500sf and 3,000sf; \$3,000 for restaurants measuring between 3,001sf and 6,000sf

➤ Amendment to Class “C” License Scheme

- Current law only permits a new “C” license to be issued each time a town’s population increases by 3,000 residents
- Legislation would allow a town to issue one new C license based on a ***projected*** population increase of 3,000 residents, provided that the town has adopted a master plan