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CLASS D ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

Public Laws Chapter 02-128

Pursuant to Public Laws Chapter 02-128 holders of Class D licenses may supply food and beverages to the public for consumption on the premises with the permission of the local liquor licensing authority. Such permission must be in writing and may only be granted by the local authority after a public hearing with notice given in a manner consistent with that set forth in R.I.Gen.Laws § 3-5-17. A copy of the written permission granting Class D licensees permission to supply food and beverages to the public for consumption on the premises must be sent to the Department by the local licensing authority upon issuance. This procedure for granting authorization should be implemented immediately.

Class D licensees so authorized to serve food and beverages to the public need not maintain a guest book or sign in guests of a member of the club. However, regardless of whether a club is authorized to serve members of the public, no member, agent, officer or employee shall be paid directly or indirectly any compensation by way of profit from the distribution or sale of food or beverages.

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