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SENATE, No. 1409

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Allows certain historic hotels to receive liquor license without regard to population of municipality.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/6/2000)

1 AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverage licenses and amending
2 P.L.1947, c.94.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 8 of P.L.1947, c.94 (C.33:1-12.20) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 8. a. Nothing in this act shall prevent the issuance, in a
10 municipality, of a new license to a person who operates [of] a hotel
11 or motel containing 100 guest sleeping rooms or who may hereafter
12 construct and establish a new hotel or motel containing at least 100
13 guest sleeping rooms.

14 b. A person who holds a license issued pursuant to subsection a.
15 of this section and who has been required by law to reduce the number
16 of sleeping rooms in the hotel may continue to hold the license if the
17 hotel has at least 75 sleeping rooms, has been in continuous operation
18 for at least 120 years in the same building, and is listed in the National
19 Register of Historic Places.

20 (cf: P.L.1968, c.359, s.1)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill permits the operator of a hotel with a minimum of 75
27 sleeping rooms to qualify for an alcoholic beverage license, regardless
28 of the number of such licenses already issued in the municipality, if the
29 hotel has been in continuous operation for at least 120 years in the
30 same building and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
31 Such historic hotels have, in some instances, been required to reduce
32 the number of sleeping rooms on the premises to conform to current
33 building codes and laws requiring access for the disabled.

34 The number of alcoholic beverage licenses a municipality may issue
35 is based on its population. A municipality may issue one plenary retail
36 consumption or seasonal retail consumption license per every 3,000
37 residents and one plenary retail distribution license per every 7,500
38 residents. But current law allows a municipality to issue an alcoholic
39 beverage license to the operator of a hotel with 100 or more sleeping
40 rooms, without regard to these population requirements.

41 The bill clarifies that the operator of a hotel is required to hold a
42 liquor license that was issued pursuant to the 100-room exemption in
43 order to continue holding that license under the 75-room exemption
44 established by the bill.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1409

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1409.

This bill permits the operator of a hotel with a minimum of 75 sleeping rooms to qualify for an alcoholic beverage license, regardless of the number of such licenses already issued in the municipality, if the hotel has been in continuous operation for at least 120 years in the same building and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Such historic hotels have, in some instances, been required to reduce the number of sleeping rooms on the premises to conform to current building codes and laws requiring access for the disabled.

The number of alcoholic beverage licenses a municipality may issue is based on its population. A municipality may issue one plenary retail consumption or seasonal retail consumption license per every 3,000 residents and one plenary retail distribution license per every 7,500 residents. But current law allows a municipality to issue an alcoholic beverage license to the operator of a hotel with 100 or more sleeping rooms, without regard to these population requirements.

The bill clarifies that the operator of a hotel is required to hold a liquor license that was issued pursuant to the 100-room exemption in order to continue holding that license under the 75-room exemption established by the bill.

P.L. 2000, CHAPTER 160, *approved December 1, 2000*
Senate, No. 1409

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CHAPTER 160

AN ACT concerning alcoholic beverage licenses and amending P.L.1947, c.94.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 8 of P.L.1947, c.94 (C.33:1-12.20) is amended to read as follows:

C.33:1-12.20 Licensure of certain hotels, motels.

8. a. Nothing in this act shall prevent the issuance, in a municipality, of a new license to a person who operates a hotel or motel containing 100 guest sleeping rooms or who may hereafter construct and establish a new hotel or motel containing at least 100 guest sleeping rooms.

b. A person who holds a license issued pursuant to subsection a. of this section and who has been required by law to reduce the number of sleeping rooms in the hotel may continue to hold the license if the hotel has at least 75 sleeping rooms, has been in continuous operation for at least 120 years in the same building, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 1, 2000.

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Office of the Governor
NEWS RELEASE

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RELEASE: December 1, 2000

Governor Christie Whitman Today Signed the Following Legislation:

S-1409, sponsored by Senators Cafiero (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Assembly Members Asselta (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), allows certain historic hotels to receive a liquor license without regard to the municipality's population.

S-1132, sponsored by Senator Schluter (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Assembly Member Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer), provides for licensure of skin care specialty services shops and increases the hours of training required for initial licensure as a manicurist to 300 hours.

S-834, sponsored by Senators Cardinale (R-Bergen) and McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic), permits the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission to indemnify local government units from which it leases property.