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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

235 ILCS 5/6-27.1

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Provides that responsible alcohol service training must contain at least one hour of training on sexual assault prevention, as prescribed by Illinois Liquor Control Commission rule.

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1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 changing Section 6-27.1 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-27.1)

7 Sec. 6-27.1. Responsible alcohol service server training.

8 (a) Unless issued a valid server training certificate
9 between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2015 by a certified Beverage
10 Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET)
11 trainer, all alcohol servers in Cook County are required to
12 obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol
13 service as outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500, as those
14 provisions exist on July 1, 2015 (the effective date of Public
15 Act 98-939), by July 1, 2015 or within 120 days after the
16 alcohol server begins his or her employment, whichever is
17 later. All alcohol servers in a county, other than Cook
18 County, with a population of 200,000 inhabitants or more are
19 required to obtain and complete training in basic responsible
20 alcohol service as outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500, as those
21 provisions exist on July 1, 2015 (the effective date of Public
22 Act 98-939), by July 1, 2016 or within 120 days after the
23 alcohol server begins his or her employment, whichever is

1 later. All alcohol servers in a county with a population of
2 more than 30,000 inhabitants and less than 200,000 inhabitants
3 are required to obtain and complete training in basic
4 responsible alcohol service as outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code
5 3500, as those provisions exist on July 1, 2015 (the effective
6 date of Public Act 98-939), by July 1, 2017 or within 120 days
7 after the alcohol server begins his or her employment,
8 whichever is later. All alcohol servers in counties with a
9 population of 30,000 inhabitants or less are required to
10 obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol
11 service as outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500, as those
12 provisions exist on July 1, 2015 (the effective date of Public
13 Act 98-939), by July 1, 2018 or within 120 days after the
14 alcohol server begins his or her employment, whichever is
15 later.

16 There is no limit to the amount of times a server may take
17 the training. A certificate of training belongs to the server,
18 and a server may transfer a certificate of training to a
19 different employer, but shall not transfer a certificate of
20 training to another server. Proof that an alcohol server has
21 been trained must be available upon reasonable request by
22 State law enforcement officials. For the purpose of this
23 Section, "alcohol servers" means persons who sell or serve
24 open containers of alcoholic beverages at retail, anyone who
25 delivers mixed drinks under Section 6-28.8, and anyone whose
26 job description entails the checking of identification for the

1 purchase of open containers of alcoholic beverages at retail
2 or for entry into the licensed premises. The definition does
3 not include (i) a distributor or importing distributor
4 conducting product sampling as authorized in Section 6-31 of
5 this Act or a registered tasting representative, as provided
6 in 11 Ill. Adm. Code 100.40, conducting a tasting, as defined
7 in 11 Ill. Adm. Code 100.10; (ii) a volunteer serving
8 alcoholic beverages at a charitable function; or (iii) an
9 instructor engaged in training or educating on the proper
10 technique for using a system that dispenses alcoholic
11 beverages.

12 (b) Responsible alcohol service training must cover and
13 assess knowledge of the topics noted in 77 Ill. Adm. Code
14 3500.155. For responsible alcohol service training on or after
15 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General
16 Assembly, responsible alcohol service training must contain at
17 least one hour of training on sexual assault prevention, as
18 prescribed by State Commission rule.

19 (c) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act
20 of the 98th General Assembly, but no later than October 1,
21 2015, all existing BASSET trainers who are already BASSET
22 certified as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of
23 the 98th General Assembly shall be recertified by the State
24 Commission and be required to comply with the conditions for
25 server training set forth in this amendatory Act of the 98th
26 General Assembly.

1 (d) Training modules and certificate program plans must be
2 approved by the State Commission. All documents, materials, or
3 information related to responsible alcohol service training
4 program approval that are submitted to the State Commission
5 are confidential and shall not be open to public inspection or
6 dissemination and are exempt from disclosure.

7 The State Commission shall only approve programs that meet
8 the following criteria:

9 (1) the training course covers the content specified
10 in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500.155;

11 (2) if the training course is classroom-based, the
12 classroom training is at least 4 hours, is available in
13 English and Spanish, and includes a test;

14 (3) if the training course is online or
15 computer-based, the course is designed in a way that
16 ensures that no content can be skipped, is interactive,
17 has audio for content for servers that have a disability,
18 and includes a test;

19 (4) training and testing is based on a job task
20 analysis that clearly identifies and focuses on the
21 knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly
22 serve alcoholic beverages and is developed using best
23 practices in instructional design and exam development to
24 ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

25 (5) training and testing is conducted by any means
26 available, including, but not limited to, online,

1 computer, classroom, or live trainers; and

2 (6) the program must provide access on a
3 24-hour-per-day, 7-days-per-week basis for certificate
4 verification for State Commission, State law enforcement
5 officials, and employers to be able to verify certificate
6 authenticity.

7 (e) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Section shall be
8 construed to require a program to use a test administrator or
9 proctor.

10 (f) A certificate issued from a BASSET-licensed training
11 program shall be accepted as meeting the training requirements
12 for all server license and permit laws and ordinances in the
13 State.

14 (g) A responsible alcohol service training certificate
15 from a BASSET-licensed program shall be valid for 3 years.

16 (h) The provisions of this Section shall apply beginning
17 July 1, 2015. From July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015,
18 enforcement of the provisions of this Section shall be limited
19 to education and notification of the requirements to encourage
20 compliance.

21 (i) The provisions of this Section do not apply to a
22 special event retailer.

23 (Source: P.A. 101-631, eff. 6-2-20.)