

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 6-11 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-11)

7 Sec. 6-11. Sale near churches, schools, and hospitals.

8 (a) No license shall be issued for the sale at retail of  
9 any alcoholic liquor within 100 feet of any church, school  
10 other than an institution of higher learning, hospital, home  
11 for aged or indigent persons or for veterans, their spouses or  
12 children or any military or naval station, provided, that this  
13 prohibition shall not apply to hotels offering restaurant  
14 service, regularly organized clubs, or to restaurants, food  
15 shops or other places where sale of alcoholic liquors is not  
16 the principal business carried on if the place of business so  
17 exempted is not located in a municipality of more than 500,000  
18 persons, unless required by local ordinance; nor to the renewal  
19 of a license for the sale at retail of alcoholic liquor on  
20 premises within 100 feet of any church or school where the  
21 church or school has been established within such 100 feet  
22 since the issuance of the original license. In the case of a  
23 church, the distance of 100 feet shall be measured to the

1 nearest part of any building used for worship services or  
2 educational programs and not to property boundaries.

3 (b) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance of  
4 a retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor to a  
5 restaurant, the primary business of which is the sale of goods  
6 baked on the premises if (i) the restaurant is newly  
7 constructed and located on a lot of not less than 10,000 square  
8 feet, (ii) the restaurant costs at least \$1,000,000 to  
9 construct, (iii) the licensee is the titleholder to the  
10 premises and resides on the premises, and (iv) the construction  
11 of the restaurant is completed within 18 months of the  
12 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998.

13 (c) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance of  
14 a retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor  
15 incidental to a restaurant if (1) the primary business of the  
16 restaurant consists of the sale of food where the sale of  
17 liquor is incidental to the sale of food and the applicant is a  
18 completely new owner of the restaurant, (2) the immediately  
19 prior owner or operator of the premises where the restaurant is  
20 located operated the premises as a restaurant and held a valid  
21 retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor at the  
22 restaurant for at least part of the 24 months before the change  
23 of ownership, and (3) the restaurant is located 75 or more feet  
24 from a school.

25 (d) In the interest of further developing Illinois' economy  
26 in the area of commerce, tourism, convention, and banquet

1 business, nothing in this Section shall prohibit issuance of a  
2 retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages to a  
3 restaurant, banquet facility, grocery store, or hotel having  
4 not fewer than 150 guest room accommodations located in a  
5 municipality of more than 500,000 persons, notwithstanding the  
6 proximity of such hotel, restaurant, banquet facility, or  
7 grocery store to any church or school, if the licensed premises  
8 described on the license are located within an enclosed mall or  
9 building of a height of at least 6 stories, or 60 feet in the  
10 case of a building that has been registered as a national  
11 landmark, or in a grocery store having a minimum of 56,010  
12 square feet of floor space in a single story building in an  
13 open mall of at least 3.96 acres that is adjacent to a public  
14 school that opened as a boys technical high school in 1934, or  
15 in a grocery store having a minimum of 31,000 square feet of  
16 floor space in a single story building located a distance of  
17 more than 90 feet but less than 100 feet from a high school  
18 that opened in 1928 as a junior high school and became a senior  
19 high school in 1933, and in each of these cases if the sale of  
20 alcoholic liquors is not the principal business carried on by  
21 the licensee.

22 For purposes of this Section, a "banquet facility" is any  
23 part of a building that caters to private parties and where the  
24 sale of alcoholic liquors is not the principal business.

25 (e) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance of  
26 a license to a church or private school to sell at retail

1 alcoholic liquor if any such sales are limited to periods when  
2 groups are assembled on the premises solely for the promotion  
3 of some common object other than the sale or consumption of  
4 alcoholic liquors.

5 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a church or  
6 church affiliated school located in a home rule municipality or  
7 in a municipality with 75,000 or more inhabitants from locating  
8 within 100 feet of a property for which there is a preexisting  
9 license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail. In these instances,  
10 the local zoning authority may, by ordinance adopted  
11 simultaneously with the granting of an initial special use  
12 zoning permit for the church or church affiliated school,  
13 provide that the 100-foot restriction in this Section shall not  
14 apply to that church or church affiliated school and future  
15 retail liquor licenses.

16 (g) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance of  
17 a retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor at  
18 premises within 100 feet, but not less than 90 feet, of a  
19 public school if (1) the premises have been continuously  
20 licensed to sell alcoholic liquor for a period of at least 50  
21 years, (2) the premises are located in a municipality having a  
22 population of over 500,000 inhabitants, (3) the licensee is an  
23 individual who is a member of a family that has held the  
24 previous 3 licenses for that location for more than 25 years,  
25 (4) the principal of the school and the alderman of the ward in  
26 which the school is located have delivered a written statement

1 to the local liquor control commissioner stating that they do  
2 not object to the issuance of a license under this subsection  
3 (g), and (5) the local liquor control commissioner has received  
4 the written consent of a majority of the registered voters who  
5 live within 200 feet of the premises.

6 (h) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
7 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
8 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
9 liquor within premises and at an outdoor patio area attached to  
10 premises that are located in a municipality with a population  
11 in excess of 300,000 inhabitants and that are within 100 feet  
12 of a church if:

13 (1) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
14 incidental to the sale of food,

15 (2) the sale of liquor is not the principal business  
16 carried on by the licensee at the premises,

17 (3) the premises are less than 1,000 square feet,

18 (4) the premises are owned by the University of  
19 Illinois,

20 (5) the premises are immediately adjacent to property  
21 owned by a church and are not less than 20 nor more than 40  
22 feet from the church space used for worship services, and

23 (6) the principal religious leader at the place of  
24 worship has indicated his or her support for the issuance  
25 of the license in writing.

26 (i) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the

1 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
2 or renewal of a license to sell alcoholic liquor at a premises  
3 that is located within a municipality with a population in  
4 excess of 300,000 inhabitants and is within 100 feet of a  
5 church, synagogue, or other place of worship if:

6 (1) the primary entrance of the premises and the  
7 primary entrance of the church, synagogue, or other place  
8 of worship are at least 100 feet apart, on parallel  
9 streets, and separated by an alley; and

10 (2) the principal religious leader at the place of  
11 worship has not indicated his or her opposition to the  
12 issuance or renewal of the license in writing.

13 (j) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
14 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
15 of a retail license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor at  
16 a theater that is within 100 feet of a church if (1) the church  
17 owns the theater, (2) the church leases the theater to one or  
18 more entities, and (3) the theater is used by at least 5  
19 different not-for-profit theater groups.

20 (k) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
21 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
22 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
23 liquor at a premises that is located within a municipality with  
24 a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and is within  
25 100 feet of a school if:

26 (1) the primary entrance of the premises and the

1 primary entrance of the school are parallel, on different  
2 streets, and separated by an alley;

3 (2) the southeast corner of the premises are at least  
4 350 feet from the southwest corner of the school;

5 (3) the school was built in 1978;

6 (4) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
7 incidental to the sale of food;

8 (5) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
9 business carried on by the licensee at the premises;

10 (6) the applicant is the owner of the restaurant and  
11 has held a valid license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
12 liquor for the business to be conducted on the premises at  
13 a different location for more than 7 years; and

14 (7) the premises is at least 2,300 square feet and sits  
15 on a lot that is between 6,100 and 6,150 square feet.

16 (1) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
17 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
18 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
19 liquor at a premises that is located within a municipality with  
20 a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and is within  
21 100 feet of a church or school if:

22 (1) the primary entrance of the premises and the  
23 closest entrance of the church or school is at least 90  
24 feet apart and no greater than 95 feet apart;

25 (2) the shortest distance between the premises and the  
26 church or school is at least 80 feet apart and no greater

1 than 85 feet apart;

2 (3) the applicant is the owner of the restaurant and on  
3 November 15, 2006 held a valid license authorizing the sale  
4 of alcoholic liquor for the business to be conducted on the  
5 premises for at least 14 different locations;

6 (4) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
7 incidental to the sale of food;

8 (5) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
9 business carried on by the licensee at the premises;

10 (6) the premises is at least 3,200 square feet and sits  
11 on a lot that is between 7,150 and 7,200 square feet; and

12 (7) the principal religious leader at the place of  
13 worship has not indicated his or her opposition to the  
14 issuance or renewal of the license in writing.

15 (m) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
16 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
17 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
18 liquor at a premises that is located within a municipality with  
19 a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and is within  
20 100 feet of a church if:

21 (1) the premises and the church are perpendicular, and  
22 the primary entrance of the premises faces South while the  
23 primary entrance of the church faces West and the distance  
24 between the two entrances is more than 100 feet;

25 (2) the shortest distance between the premises lot line  
26 and the exterior wall of the church is at least 80 feet;



1           (3) the church was established at the current location  
2           in 1916 and the present structure was erected in 1925;

3           (4) the premises is a single story, single use building  
4           with at least 1,750 square feet and no more than 2,000  
5           square feet;

6           (5) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
7           incidental to the sale of food;

8           (6) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
9           business carried on by the licensee at the premises; and

10          (7) the principal religious leader at the place of  
11          worship has not indicated his or her opposition to the  
12          issuance or renewal of the license in writing.

13          (n) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
14          contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
15          or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
16          liquor at a premises that is located within a municipality with  
17          a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and is within  
18          100 feet of a school if:

19               (1) the school is a City of Chicago School District 299  
20               school;

21               (2) the school is located within subarea E of City of  
22               Chicago Residential Business Planned Development Number  
23               70;

24               (3) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
25               business carried on by the licensee on the premises;

26               (4) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is

1 incidental to the sale of food; and

2 (5) the administration of City of Chicago School  
3 District 299 has expressed, in writing, its support for the  
4 issuance of the license.

5 (o) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
6 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
7 or renewal of a retail license authorizing the sale of  
8 alcoholic liquor at a premises that is located within a  
9 municipality in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within 100  
10 feet of a church if:

11 (1) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
12 incidental to the sale of food;

13 (2) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
14 business carried on by the licensee at the premises;

15 (3) the premises is located on a street that runs  
16 perpendicular to the street on which the church is located;

17 (4) the primary entrance of the premises is at least  
18 100 feet from the primary entrance of the church;

19 (5) the shortest distance between any part of the  
20 premises and any part of the church is at least 60 feet;

21 (6) the premises is between 3,600 and 4,000 square feet  
22 and sits on a lot that is between 3,600 and 4,000 square  
23 feet; and

24 (7) the premises was built in the year 1909.

25 For purposes of this subsection (o), "premises" means a  
26 place of business together with a privately owned outdoor

1 location that is adjacent to the place of business.

2 (p) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
3 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
4 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
5 liquor at a premises that is located within a municipality with  
6 a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within 100  
7 feet of a church if:

8 (1) the shortest distance between the backdoor of the  
9 premises, which is used as an emergency exit, and the  
10 church is at least 80 feet;

11 (2) the church was established at the current location  
12 in 1889; and

13 (3) liquor has been sold on the premises since at least  
14 1985.

15 (q) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
16 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
17 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
18 liquor within a premises that is located in a municipality with  
19 a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within 100  
20 feet of a church-owned property if:

21 (1) the premises is located within a larger building  
22 operated as a grocery store;

23 (2) the area of the premises does not exceed 720 square  
24 feet and the area of the larger building exceeds 18,000  
25 square feet;

26 (3) the larger building containing the premises is

1 within 100 feet of the nearest property line of a  
2 church-owned property on which a church-affiliated school  
3 is located;

4 (4) the sale of liquor is not the principal business  
5 carried on within the larger building;

6 (5) the primary entrance of the larger building and the  
7 premises and the primary entrance of the church-affiliated  
8 school are on different, parallel streets, and the distance  
9 between the 2 primary entrances is more than 100 feet;

10 (6) the larger building is separated from the  
11 church-owned property and church-affiliated school by an  
12 alley;

13 (7) the larger building containing the premises and the  
14 church building front are on perpendicular streets and are  
15 separated by a street; and

16 (8) (Blank).

17 (r) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
18 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance,  
19 renewal, or maintenance of a license authorizing the sale of  
20 alcoholic liquor incidental to the sale of food within a  
21 restaurant established in a premises that is located in a  
22 municipality with a population in excess of 1,000,000  
23 inhabitants and within 100 feet of a church if:

24 (1) the primary entrance of the church and the primary  
25 entrance of the restaurant are at least 100 feet apart;

26 (2) the restaurant has operated on the ground floor and

1 lower level of a multi-story, multi-use building for more  
2 than 40 years;

3 (3) the primary business of the restaurant consists of  
4 the sale of food where the sale of liquor is incidental to  
5 the sale of food;

6 (4) the sale of alcoholic liquor is conducted primarily  
7 in the below-grade level of the restaurant to which the  
8 only public access is by a staircase located inside the  
9 restaurant; and

10 (5) the restaurant has held a license authorizing the  
11 sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises for more than 40  
12 years.

13 (s) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
14 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit renewal of a  
15 license authorizing the sale of alcoholic liquor at a premises  
16 that is located within a municipality with a population more  
17 than 5,000 and less than 10,000 and is within 100 feet of a  
18 church if:

19 (1) the church was established at the location within  
20 100 feet of the premises after a license for the sale of  
21 alcoholic liquor at the premises was first issued;

22 (2) a license for sale of alcoholic liquor at the  
23 premises was first issued before January 1, 2007; and

24 (3) a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the  
25 premises has been continuously in effect since January 1,  
26 2007, except for interruptions between licenses of no more

1 than 90 days.

2 (t) Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the  
3 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
4 or renewal of a license authorizing the sale of alcoholic  
5 liquor incidental to the sale of food within a restaurant that  
6 is established in a premises that is located in a municipality  
7 with a population in excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within  
8 100 feet of a school and a church if:

9 (1) the restaurant is located inside a five-story  
10 building with over 16,800 square feet of commercial space;

11 (2) the area of the premises does not exceed 31,050  
12 square feet;

13 (3) the area of the restaurant does not exceed 5,800  
14 square feet;

15 (4) the building has no less than 78 condominium units;

16 (5) the construction of the building in which the  
17 restaurant is located was completed in 2006;

18 (6) the building has 10 storefront properties, 3 of  
19 which are used for the restaurant;

20 (7) the restaurant will open for business in 2010;

21 (8) the building is north of the school and separated  
22 by an alley; and

23 (9) the principal religious leader of the church and  
24 either the alderman of the ward in which the school is  
25 located or the principal of the school have delivered a  
26 written statement to the local liquor control commissioner

1           stating that he or she does not object to the issuance of a  
2           license under this subsection (t).

3           (u) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
4           contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
5           or renewal of a license to sell alcoholic liquor at a premises  
6           that is located within a municipality with a population in  
7           excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within 100 feet of a school  
8           if:

9                   (1) the premises operates as a restaurant and has been  
10           in operation since February 2008;

11                   (2) the applicant is the owner of the premises;

12                   (3) the sale of alcoholic liquor is incidental to the  
13           sale of food;

14                   (4) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
15           business carried on by the licensee on the premises;

16                   (5) the premises occupy the first floor of a 3-story  
17           building that is at least 90 years old;

18                   (6) the rear lot of the school and the rear corner of  
19           the building that the premises occupy are separated by an  
20           alley;

21                   (7) the distance from the southwest corner of the  
22           property line of the school and the northeast corner of the  
23           building that the premises occupy is at least 16 feet, 5  
24           inches;

25                   (8) the distance from the rear door of the premises to  
26           the southwest corner of the property line of the school is

1 at least 93 feet;

2 (9) the school is a City of Chicago School District 299  
3 school;

4 (10) the school's main structure was erected in 1902  
5 and an addition was built to the main structure in 1959;  
6 and

7 (11) the principal of the school and the alderman in  
8 whose district the premises are located have expressed, in  
9 writing, their support for the issuance of the license.

10 (v) Notwithstanding any provision in this Section to the  
11 contrary, nothing in this Section shall prohibit the issuance  
12 or renewal of a license to sell alcoholic liquor at a premises  
13 that is located within a municipality with a population in  
14 excess of 1,000,000 inhabitants and within 100 feet of a church  
15 if:

16 (1) the sale of alcoholic liquor at the premises is  
17 incidental to the sale of food;

18 (2) the sale of alcoholic liquor is not the principal  
19 business carried on by the licensee at the premises;

20 (3) the premises occupy the first floor and basement of  
21 a 2-story building that is 106 years old;

22 (4) the premises is at least 7,000 square feet and  
23 located on a lot that is at least 11,000 square feet;

24 (5) the premises is located directly west of the  
25 church, on perpendicular streets, and separated by an  
26 alley;



1           (6) the distance between the property line of the  
2           premises and the property line of the church is at least 20  
3           feet;

4           (7) the distance between the primary entrance of the  
5           premises and the primary entrance of the church is at least  
6           130 feet; and

7           (8) the church has been at its location for at least 40  
8           years.

9           (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-752, eff. 1-1-09;  
10          96-283, eff. 8-11-09; 96-744, eff. 8-25-09; 96-851, eff.  
11          12-23-09; 96-871, eff. 1-21-10; 96-1051, eff. 7-14-10.)

12           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
13          becoming law.