

Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21
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Floor Amendment to HB 1540

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to municipal health ordinances and accessory dwelling units and relative to
4 on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 1 with the following:

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8 2 On-Premises License; Salon or Barbershop. Amend RSA 178:21, III to read as follows:

9 III. The commission may issue a license to a business currently licensed through the office of
10 professional licensure and certification, pursuant to RSA 313-A:19, as a salon or barbershop, as
11 defined under RSA 313-A:1, to serve one alcoholic beverage to customers who are receiving services
12 from said establishment. **Such licenses shall be designated either as a tier 1 license or a tier**
13 **2 license.**

14 (a)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 179:44, a **tier 1** licensee under this
15 paragraph may serve alcoholic beverages and liquor [~~for free~~] **without charge for on-premises**
16 **consumption**, which shall be limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-
17 ounce glass of beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person **per**
18 **appointment**.

19 (2) **The fee for a tier 1 license under this paragraph shall be \$100.**

20 (3) The licensee shall keep records of the patron served. Such records shall be
21 retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to the commission upon request.

22 (b)(1) [~~The fee for the license under this paragraph shall be \$100.~~] **A tier 2 licensee**
23 **may sell alcoholic beverages and liquor for on-premises consumption only, which shall be**
24 **limited to one drink per customer in the amount not to exceed one 16-ounce glass of**
25 **beverage, 6-ounce glass of wine, or 1 1/2 ounces of liquor per person per appointment.**

26 (2) **The fee for a tier 2 license shall be \$480.**

27 (3) **Sales authorized under this paragraph shall be incidental to the**
28 **provision of barbering or cosmetology services and shall not constitute a standalone bar or**
29 **restaurant operation.**

30 (4) **The licensee shall keep records of alcoholic beverages sold under this**
31 **paragraph, which shall be retained by the licensed facility and shall be made available to**
32 **the commission upon request.**

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1 (c) Nothing in this section shall allow the commission to issue a license to a salon or
2 barbershop located within a private residence.

3 (d) *For the purposes of this section, persons under the age of 21 years shall be*
4 *allowed in the salon but shall not be offered nor consume any alcoholic beverage or liquor.*

5 (e) *The licensee shall complete the management training seminar offered by the*
6 *commission.*

7 (f) *The liquor commission shall submit an annual report to the speaker of the*
8 *house of representatives and the president of the senate by November 1 of each year listing*
9 *the number of licenses applied for, granted, and denied, the number of inspections*
10 *performed, and the total number of violations which occurred within the reporting year.*

11 3 Effective Date.

12 I. Section 1 of this bill shall take effect July 1, 2026.

13 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Clarifies that municipalities retain authority to enforce local health ordinances related to septic and maintenance when regulating accessory dwelling units.

II. Implements an increase which separates the on-premises license for barbershops and salons into two tiers, one which allows for a single sale and one which allows for service without charge, and requires the liquor commission to make an annual report to the legislature regarding the issuance of licenses and the number of violations which occurred.