

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 324

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ June 18, 2012

WHEREAS, Multiple violent incidents have occurred at Providence nightclubs in recent months, resulting in arrests, injuries, and emergency licensing hearings; and

WHEREAS, Events such as these threaten the safety of both the public and the city's law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, Safety in Downtown Providence is a paramount concern, as is safety at bars, taverns, nightclubs and live music venues throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Individuals below the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21), who are permitted to enter nightclubs under State law are put in harm's way at venues where such incidents occur; and

WHEREAS, Some nightclubs do not have adequate controls in place to prevent under aged guests from accessing alcohol; and

WHEREAS, Urban police departments do not have the resources to do comprehensive licensing investigations and enforcement on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Licensing enforcement and quelling disturbances at Providence nightclubs is placing a drain on the police department's budget and resources, resulting in fewer officers available to address quality of life complaints and other incidents in city neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend state law to allow municipalities to prohibit without qualifications, individuals under the age of 21 from entering Class N licensed establishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed and Senate Majority Leader Dominick J. Ruggiero; Speaker of the House Gordon D. Fox, and House Majority Leader Nicholas A. Mattiello, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairperson Senator Michael J. McCaffrey, House Judiciary Committee Chairperson Edith H. Ajello; and all Providence representatives and senators.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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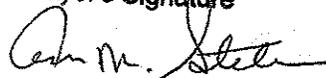


PRES.



CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk