

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 114

EFFECTIVE ~~APRIL 18, 2013~~ March 18, 2013

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council undertook an inquiry into nightclub licensing and safety in response to violent incidents that occurred in 2012 at late-night entertainment venues in the capital city; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Committee on Ordinances issued a report in December 2012 which detailed the deficiencies in licensing, enforcement, and public safety, and outlined specific administrative and legislative actions necessary to address the concerns; and

WHEREAS, The report's recommendations were based on testimony from City officials, nightclub owners, residents, and representatives from business improvement and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, In response to the recommendations, the City Council has introduced several ordinances and resolutions to improve safety, clarify and expand licensing procedures and requirements, and implement best practices for nightlife establishments, based on the report's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The report recommended several changes to Rhode Island General Laws, in the interest of public health and safety; and

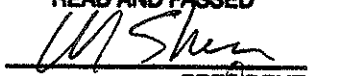
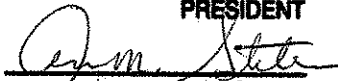
WHEREAS, The penalty structure for violations of the conditions of a liquor license was cited as too restrictive, limiting the extent to which penalties are effective as a deterrent and/or punishment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the Rhode Island Generally Assembly to adopt amendments to Rhode Island General Law Title 3 to increase the minimum and maximum dollar amount of fines to be imposed per violation of a liquor license.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council urges the General Assembly to amend Title 3 to allow a fee for police and fire rescue (a "public safety fee") to be assessed to establishments holding liquor licenses that require assistance due to repeated incidents of disorderly conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to Speaker of the House Gordon D. Fox; House Majority Leader Nicholas Mattiello; Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed; Senate Majority Leader Dominick Ruggerio, and all Providence representatives and senators.

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FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

  
PRESIDENT  
  
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Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk