

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 115

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROX~~ 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 sale of bottles of liquor, often served in so-called "VIP" areas in nightclubs, was cited in the report as a major public safety concern, based on testimony from the Providence Police Department.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the Rhode Island Generally Assembly to adopt a state law that clearly defines the restrictions on license holders regarding the sale of bottles of liquor for on-site consumption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council urges the General Assembly to adopt a state law that allows local licensing authorities to place restrictions on exclusive sections ("VIP" areas) establishments that are licensed to sell alcohol.

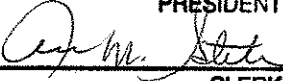
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to Speaker of the House Gordon D. Fox; House Majority Leader Nicholas Mattiello; Senate President M. Teresa Paiva-Weed; Senate Majority Leader Dominick Ruggerio, and all Providence representatives and senators.

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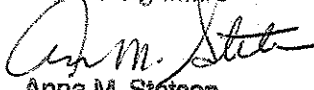


PRESIDENT



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Mayor's Signature



Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk