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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 797, L.D. 2155, Bill, "An Act to Encourage Hospitality Industry Development in the State"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "S707-A." by inserting after subsection 2 the following:

'3. Construction. The exceptions to section 707 set out in subsection 1 must be construed narrowly and be limited to the express terms contained in subsection 1. The exceptions contained in subsection 1 may not be construed to undermine the general prohibition against tied interests contained in section 707.'

SUMMARY

The purpose of the bill, as amended by this amendment, is to require a separation between manufacturing interests, wholesale interests, and retail interests in the production and distribution of liquor in order to prevent a supplier from dominating local markets through vertical integration and to prevent excessive sales of liquor produced by overly aggressive marketing techniques. This amendment clarifies legislative intent and the Legislature's commitment to the 3-tier system by enacting a provision governing statutory construction of the exceptions contained in the bill.