

1 H.680

2 Introduced by Representatives Dolan of Waitsfield, Birong of Vergennes, and

3 Jerome of Brandon

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Alcoholic beverages; licensing; tasting events and permits; special

7 venue serving permits

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow any
9 retail establishment to acquire a special venue serving permit from the Division
10 of Liquor Control.

11 An act relating to expanding access to special venue serving permits

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 2 is amended to read:

14 § 2. DEFINITIONS

15 As used in this title:

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17 (38) “Special venue serving permit” means a permit granted by the
18 Division of Liquor Control permitting an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~ retail
19 establishment, public library, or museum to conduct an event at which malt or
20 vinous beverages, or both, are served by the glass to the public. As used in this

1 section, “art gallery” means a fixed establishment whose primary purpose is to
2 exhibit or offer for sale works of art; ~~“bookstore” means a fixed establishment~~
3 ~~whose primary purpose is to offer books for sale~~; “public library” has the same
4 meaning as in 22 V.S.A. § 101; and “museum” has the same meaning as in
5 27 V.S.A. § 1151.

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7 Sec. 2. 7 V.S.A. § 254 is amended to read:

8 § 254. SPECIAL VENUE SERVING PERMITS

9 (a) The Division of Liquor Control may grant an art gallery, ~~bookstore~~
10 retail establishment, public library, or museum a special venue serving permit
11 if the applicant has:

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13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2024.