**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A PERMIT ISSUED FOR ON‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN PROXIMITY TO A CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR PLAYGROUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DECISION‑MAKING BODY OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL MUST AFFIRMATIVELY STATE THAT IT DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 61‑6‑120(C) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 253 of 2014, is further amended to read:

“(C)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), the department may issue a license ~~so long as the provisions of subsection (A) are met in regards to schools, and~~ so long as any ~~playground or~~ church, school, or playground located within the parameters affirmatively states that it does not object to the issuance of a license. This subsection only applies to a permit for on‑premises consumption of alcoholic liquor.

(2) Any applicant seeking to utilize the provisions of this subsection must provide a statement ~~from the decision‑making body of the owner of the playground or~~ from the decision‑making body of the local church, from the decision‑making body of the local school, or from the decision-making body of the owner of the playground stating that it does not object to the issuance of the specific license sought. If more than one ~~playground or~~ church, school, or playground is located within the parameters set forth in subsection (A), the applicant must provide the statement from all ~~playgrounds and~~ churches, schools, or playgrounds.

(3) The department may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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