

1 AN ACT in relation to alcohol.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 adding Section 6-32 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/6-32 new)

7 Sec. 6-32. Safety provisions.

8 (a) A retailers on premise consumption licensee may not
9 permit the use of any pyrotechnic device within its licensed
10 premises without the prior authorization of the Illinois
11 State Fire Marshal. A retailers on premise consumption
12 licensee, or any agent or employee of that licensee, may not
13 use mace, pepper spray, or any other toxic air-released
14 compound within its licensed premises. Violation of this
15 subsection (a) by any licensee or any employee or agent of a
16 licensee is a Class 4 felony.

17 (b) No person may impede any person who is attempting to
18 exit the premises of a retailers on premise consumption
19 licensee due to an emergency that constitutes a threat to the
20 health or safety of persons within the licensed premises.
21 For the purpose of this Section, the term "impede a person
22 who is attempting to exit" includes physically restraining
23 the person or blocking or locking an exit while the licensed
24 premises is open to the public. Violation of this subsection
25 (b) is a Class 4 felony.

26 (c) A retailers on premise consumption licensee with an
27 authorized capacity of at least 250 persons must place a
28 panic bar on each exit of its licensed premises. A retailers
29 on premise consumption licensee with an authorized capacity
30 of at least 500 persons that conducts live entertainment
31 within its licensed premises must, before the commencement of

1 the live entertainment, make an announcement to the patrons
2 of the licensed premises that informs those patrons of the
3 locations of all exits and fire escapes at the licensed
4 premises.

5 (d) Upon the request of a retailers on premise
6 consumption licensee, local fire department personnel shall
7 review fire safety practices with the licensee and the agents
8 and employees of the licensee.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.