

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 7, 2015

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 685**

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**Introduced by Senator McGuire**  
*(Coauthor: Senator Bates)*  
*(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brough and Dodd)*

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An act to amend Section 23453 of, *and add Section 23453.5 to*, the Business and Professions Code, relating to alcoholic beverage service.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 685, as amended, McGuire. Alcoholic beverage service: veterans' club license: beer and wine tasting.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Act provides for the issuance of licenses for which various annual fees are charged depending upon the type of license issued. The act authorizes the issuance of a veterans' club license authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption within the ~~licensed~~ *licensed* establishment only to members of the veterans' organization and their guests.

This bill would additionally authorize a holder of a veterans' club license, as part of a beer tasting, wine tasting, or beer and wine tasting event, to sell and serve beer, wine, or food for consumption within the licensed establishment to members of the general public, as well as to the members of the veterans' organization and their guests.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 23453 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 23453. (a) Except as provided in ~~subdivision (b)~~, *Section*  
4 *23453.5*, a holder of a veterans' club license may exercise all of  
5 the rights and privileges permitted by an on-sale general license  
6 but may sell and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption within  
7 the licensed establishment only to members of the veterans'  
8 organization and their guests.

9 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other law, as part of a beer tasting,~~  
10 ~~wine tasting, or beer and wine tasting event, a holder of a veterans'~~  
11 ~~club license may sell and serve beer, wine, or food for consumption~~  
12 ~~within the licensed establishment to members of the general public,~~  
13 ~~as well as to the members of the veterans' organization and their~~  
14 ~~guests.~~

15 (e)

16 (b) A veterans' club license is not transferable to another person  
17 from the person to whom issued or by whom renewed. The  
18 provisions of Article 2 (commencing with Section 23815) of  
19 Chapter 5 do not apply to the issuance of veterans' club licenses.

20 SEC. 2. *Section 23453.5 is added to the Business and*  
21 *Professions Code, to read:*

22 *23453.5. Notwithstanding any other law, as part of a beer*  
23 *tasting, wine tasting, or beer and wine tasting event, a holder of*  
24 *a veterans' club license may sell and serve beer, wine, or food for*  
25 *consumption within the licensed establishment to members of the*  
26 *general public, as well as to the members of the veterans'*  
27 *organization and their guests.*