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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 685**

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**Introduced by Senator McGuire**

~~(Coauthor: Senator Bates)~~ *(Coauthors: Senators Bates and Nielsen)*  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Brough and Dodd~~ *Brough, Chang,*  
*Cooper, Dodd, Kim, Maienschein, Perea, Steinorth, and Waldron*)

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An act to amend Section 23453 of, and add Section 23453.5 to, of 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~~; *license*.

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 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~~, *license* to sell and serve ~~beer, wine, or food~~ *alcoholic beverages* for consumption within the licensed establishment to members of ~~the general public~~, *other congressionally chartered veterans organizations, active duty or reserve members of the Armed Forces, or veterans*, as well as to the members of the veterans' organization and their guests.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
 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 Section 23453.5, a~~ The  
 4 holder of a veterans' club license may exercise all of the rights  
 5 and privileges permitted by an on-sale general license but may sell  
 6 and serve alcoholic beverages for consumption within the licensed  
 7 establishment only to *bona fide* members of the veterans'  
 8 organization and their *bona fide* guests, *bona fide* members of other  
 9 congressionally chartered veterans organizations, active duty or  
 10 reserve members of the Armed Forces, or veterans as defined in  
 11 Section 18540.4 of the Government Code.

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

16 (c) *A bona fide member of a veterans organization, bona fide*  
 17 *guest, active duty or reserve member of the Armed Forces, or*  
 18 *veteran is not required to sign in to a roster before purchasing or*  
 19 *being served alcoholic beverages for consumption.*

20 SEC. 2. *It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act*  
 21 *to expand the rights of a holder of a veterans' club license to serve*  
 22 *and sell alcoholic beverages.*

23 ~~SEC. 2. Section 23453.5 is added to the Business and~~  
 24 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

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

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