



MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A.3116 (Fahy)

AN ACT in relation to permitting licensees under the alcoholic beverage control law to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

The Capital Region Chamber, representing 2,900 businesses and organizations from throughout the Capital Region that employ more than 160,000 area residents, supports A.3116 which would permit licensees under the alcoholic beverage control law to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

It is clear, as the bill sponsor indicates, New York State's bars, restaurants, hotels, clubs, breweries, wineries, and other businesses that engage in the sale of alcohol have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing, capacity restrictions and shutdown orders have been particularly harmful to this segment of our economy.

Executive Order 202.3 allows any retail on-premises licensee under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to sell any alcoholic beverages for off- premises consumption that the licensee is permitted to sell for on-premises consumption, including for take-out and delivery services. This legislation would extend the provisions of this Executive Order for two years after New York State's COVID-19 state of emergency declaration expires. This would provide much needed relief to an industry that will continue to face challenges as it recovers from the devastation brought by the pandemic.

For these stated reasons, the Capital Region Chamber recommends the passage of this legislation.

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