

1 S.149

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Insurance; licensed liquor providers; dram shop liability insurance

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require

7 Vermont establishments that serve alcohol to the public to carry dram shop

8 liability insurance.

9 An act relating to dram shop liability insurance

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 7 V.S.A. § 213a is added to read:

12 § 213a. LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED

13 (a) As used in this section, “liquor liability insurance” means the type of
14 liability insurance that covers the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages for
15 a consideration and includes policies that provide other liability coverage in
16 addition to liquor liability insurance.

17 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2024, a first- or third-class license shall not be
18 issued or renewed by the Board of Liquor and Lottery until the applicant or
19 licensee provides proof of coverage under a liquor liability insurance policy for
20 bodily injury or death for a minimum amount of \$250,000.00 on account of

1 injury to or death of one person and \$500,000.00 on account of any one
2 accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person. Proof of
3 insurance coverage required by this section shall be made by filing a certificate
4 of insurance in a form acceptable to the Board of Liquor and Lottery. The
5 insurance shall be subject to 8 V.S.A. chapter 128, concerning property and
6 casualty insurance rate regulation.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.