

Resolution in Support of A-2452

WHEREAS, over the past 69 years there have been numerous changes in the character of individual municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the number of retail liquor licenses available in a community is the greater of the number of such licenses in effect in 1937 or one license for each 3,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in some municipalities having more retail liquor licenses available than they wish to issue while other municipalities have fewer licenses available than they wish to issue; and

WHEREAS, A-2452, sponsored by Assemblymen John Burzichelli and Raj Mukherji creates a restricted restaurant license (R1) which permits the holder to sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of certain restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the bill creates a restricted beer and wine license (R2) which permits the holder to sell only beer and wine by the bottle or can and further establishes that these licenses would only be available to restaurants that meet certain square footage requirements, and that maintain a full-service kitchen and that that alcoholic beverages could only be sold in connection with the service of food at a table by an employee of the restaurant; and

WHEREAS, there is no doubt that these licenses would represent an important economic development or redevelopment tool for many municipalities, and give an economic boost to neighborhood restaurants and to other businesses located in proximity those establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that (name of municipality) expresses its support for A-2452 and urges its timely passage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution is forwarded to (*insert the names of Assembly Representatives*), (*insert name of State Senator*), Senate President, Assembly Speaker, Assemblyman John Burzichelli, Assemblyman Raj Mukherji, the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor of State of New Jersey and the League of Municipalities.