



S.F. No. 1182 – Statewide Social District License

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S.F. 1182 establishes a statewide social district license that would allow cities to issue a social district license to any holder of an on-sale license.

Subdivision 1 states that a city may issue a social district license to any holder of an on-sale license whose on-sale premises is contiguous with the premise of the social district designated by the city. The license only authorizes consumption.

Subdivision 2 requires a city to designate and describe the premises of the social district. The designation must include the specific premises where consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed as well as the proposed hours and days that consumption is allowed.

Subdivision 3 requires that the social district must be clearly defined with signs in a conspicuous area as well as the days and hours that alcohol may be consumed. The signs are required to include information related to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area and state that alcohol purchased for consumption in the social district shall be consumed in the social district and disposed of before leaving the social district.

Subdivision 4 requires a city to establish maintenance plans for the social district.

Subdivision 5 states that an on-sale licensee holding a social district license may only sell and serve alcoholic beverages on the premises specific in the on-sale license. Sales for consumption must meet specific container requirements.

Subdivision 6 requires that only an alcoholic beverage purchased from an on-sale license holding a social district license may be consumed in the district, alcohol beverages shall only be in containers that meet the requirements in subdivision 5, alcoholic beverages shall only be consumed during the days and hours set by the city, and a person shall dispose of any alcoholic beverage prior to leaving the social district.

Subdivision 7 requires the city who issues a social district license to provide a report within 24 months to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over liquor regulation.



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