



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

# SENATE BILL 344: Allow Common Area Entertainment ABC Permit.

2019-2020 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Commerce and Insurance. If favorable, re-refer to Finance. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	June 27, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 344 would authorize the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission to issue a "Common Area Entertainment Permit" to allow a customer of an ABC licensed premises located in a shopping mall to consume an alcoholic beverage purchased from the licensed premises within a designated indoor or outdoor common area on the shopping mall property.

### BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** would define the term "shopping mall" for purposes of ABC permits.

**Section 2** would authorize issuance of a common area entertainment permit for a common area in a shopping mall, which would allow customers to exit a permitted premises with an open container and consume the alcohol in the common area of a shopping mall. Permits would be subject to the following conditions:

- A clearly defined designated common area.
- Alcohol must be in a paper or plastic cup bearing the name or logo of the licensed premises where the alcohol was purchased and cannot exceed 16 oz.
- A patron may not have more than one drink at a time.
- Consumption in the common area is limited to the hours alcohol can be sold in the permitted premises, and the owner of the shopping mall may further restrict those hours.
- Alcohol must be disposed of before leaving the common area.
- Customers cannot bring in alcohol not purchased at a shopping mall tenant holding an applicable permit.
- Customers may not enter licensed or unlicensed premises with alcohol purchased from a different licensed premises.

**Section 3** would provide that the fee for a common area entertainment permit would be \$750.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

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