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**COMMUNITY THEATER LIQUOR LICENSE**

House Bill 4457  
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Committee: Liquor Control

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4457 AS INTRODUCED 3-16-89**

The bill would create a new "community theater license" that the Liquor Control Commission could issue to any bona fide nonprofit community organization whose sole purpose was the production and staging of legitimate theatrical performances and that owned, hired, or leased a building or space in a building that was regularly used as a theater for its performances. The new license would not be subject to the usual population quota provisions that limit the number of on-premises licenses available in a municipality. The license would be issued for one location only and would not be transferable as to ownership or location. It would only authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and spirits) from one hour before to one hour after a scheduled theatrical performance and only in a lobby or other enclosed area adjacent to, but separate from, the theater in which the performance took place. The holder of a community theater license would not be required to obtain an entertainment permit. The fee for the license would be \$100. (On-premises licenses require the approval of the local legislative body.)

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