

CHAPTER 83

AN ACT concerning the issuance of plenary retail consumption licenses to certain hotels and motels and amending P.L.1947, c.94.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 8 of P.L.1947, c.94 (C.33:1-12.20) is amended to read as follows:

C.33:1-12.20 Licensure of certain hotels, motels.

8. a. Nothing in this act shall prevent the issuance, in a municipality, of a new license to a person who operates a hotel or motel containing 100 guest sleeping rooms or who may hereafter construct and establish a new hotel or motel containing at least 100 guest sleeping rooms.

b. A person who holds a license issued pursuant to subsection a. of this section and who has been required by law to reduce the number of sleeping rooms in the hotel may continue to hold the license if the hotel has at least 75 sleeping rooms, has been in continuous operation for at least 120 years in the same building, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

c. (1) After the effective date of P.L.2009, c.83, a minimum bid not to exceed \$25,000 plus \$50 per sleeping room may be required for the issuance of a license pursuant to the provisions of this section if the dining facilities of the hotel or motel are regularly and principally used to provide only meals for catered events and breakfast for guests of the hotel or motel.

(2) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a municipality from requiring a minimum bid for any license issued under the provisions of this section to a hotel or motel that does not meet the criteria set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 2, 2009.