

Date of Hearing: June 2, 2020

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Lorena Gonzalez, Chair

AB 3139 (Gray) – As Introduced February 21, 2020

Policy Committee: Governmental Organization

Vote: 20 - 0

Urgency: Yes

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

**SUMMARY:**

This bill modifies rules around an on-sale alcoholic beverage licensee's use of an alternate location while the licensee rebuilds or repairs the original licensed location following a fire or other act of God. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Extends, from 500 feet to 1,000 feet, the distance from the original location that a licensee can conduct business.
- 2) Allows the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to extend by an additional 60 days the time a licensee may conduct business at this alternate location.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

Minor and absorbable state costs.

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) **Background.** Under current law, an on-sale alcoholic beverage licensee may operate a temporary location for only six months without losing their liquor license. The author notes that following the recent wildfires in California that destroyed licensed establishments, licensees were able to reopen their business at a temporary location, but construction has taken more than six months.
- 2) **Purpose.** According to the author, this bill will help businesses destroyed by recent wildfires. The author argues this bill gives licensees more discretion to secure an alternate location and provides more time to repair or rebuild. The net effect of this bill is that a licensee would be able to operate a temporary location within 1,000 feet of the destroyed premise for up to 240 days.

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