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Albany to Peekskill: This one's for Brew

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ALBANY, NY - Legislation to allow redevelopment of the Charles Point Marina in Peekskill passed the State Senate today, which will lead to the expansion of Captain Lawrence Brewery into northern Westchester. The measure, sponsored by Senator Terrence Murphy, adds certain parcels of land in Peekskill to the state's list of premises which are exempt a law which restricts alcohol manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers from sharing an interest in a liquor license.

"Peekskill is already undergoing a renaissance thanks to sound leadership by people like Mayor Frank Catalina and Legislator John Testa," Senator Murphy said. "This bill will lead to the redevelopment of this moribund site. The foolish prohibition-era law which restricted this project has been set aside and allowed common sense to prevail, and we will now see the revitalization of this beautiful waterfront property."

The project, spearheaded by Senator Murphy, Diamond Properties co-owner William Diamond, Peekskill and New York City restaurateur Louis Lanza, Captain Lawrence Brewery founder Scott Vaccaro and Peekskill restaurant owner John Sharp, would create a \$6.5 million center that would include a seafood restaurant, a Captain Lawrence satellite brewery and an entertainment complex at the Site.

Diamond Properties, which operates bowling alleys and amusement centers throughout Westchester, purchased the marina in 2014. However, state liquor laws, known as "tied house" restrictions, prohibited them from operating a restaurant-brewery at another location. Senator Murphy's bill created the exemption needed for the project to move forward.

Peekskill Mayor Frank Catalina said, "Senator Murphy has consistently responded to the call of Peekskill and his support on this important legislation is no exception. When government works everyone wins, and the passage of this legislation by the legislature will ensure the continued revitalization of our incredible waterfront."

Because Captain Lawrence is headquartered in Elmsford, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, who represents Greenburgh, was permitted to carry the legislation in the Senate. As co-author, it could not have passed the Senate without Senator Murphy's intervention and support.