



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Hoylman Passes Legislation Requiring at Least One Member of the State Liquor Authority to be a Resident of New York City

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ALBANY, NY - Senator Brad Hoylman (D/WF-Manhattan) released the following statement in response to the passage of [S1847](#) through the State Senate. The legislation would require at least one member of the state liquor authority appointed by the governor to be a resident of New York City.

Senator Hoylman said: “New York City is responsible for more than half the liquor licenses granted across the state. It is a matter of basic fairness and equity that at least one commissioner of the State Liquor Authority reside here. Given the complexities of granting licenses in a way that meets the needs of establishments as well as the interests of five boroughs, 59 community districts, and hundreds of neighborhoods, New York City residents deserve a seat at the table when these important decisions are made. I’m grateful to my Senate colleagues for their swift passage and for the support of my Assembly co-sponsor, Deborah Glick.”

The SLA, which consists of three Governor-appointed Commissioners, is responsible for regulating the manufacture and distribution of alcoholic beverages throughout the entire state. While more than half of the state’s 3,147 approved on-premises license applications in 2015 originated in New York City, there are no laws ensuring that the 8.5 million residents of

New York City are represented on the Board.

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