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**WITH PASSAGE OF HOYLMAN BILL, LIQUOR LICENSE INFO WILL
FINALLY BE ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC**

ALBANY – Senator Brad Hoylman (D/WF-Manhattan) released the following statement in response to the passage of his [S55](#)/[A4315](#), which would require the State Liquor Authority (SLA) to create and maintain a public database of information specific to on premise liquor licenses:

Senator Hoylman said: “New York City is responsible for more than half the liquor licenses granted across the state. Community boards, block associations, and residents across my district have for years called upon the State Liquor Authority to make information on these licenses more available and accessible, so that they can better understand their impact on our neighborhoods. This is basic, good government. Yet until now, to our enormous frustration, the only option for the public to learn this information was through filing a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request.

You shouldn’t have to file a FOIL request just to find out whether a bar in your neighborhood has a liquor license that permits live music or an outside patio. What’s more, under these constraints, police precincts aren’t able to respond to neighborhood noise complaints – as they have no way to confirm whether an establishment is operating within the parameters of their license or not.

Making liquor license information available to the public is an easy fix to make our neighborhoods work better for all New Yorkers. I'm thankful to my Democratic colleagues and co-sponsor Assemblymember Glick for making government transparency a priority this session."

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