

REFERENCE TITLE: technical correction; liquor licensees

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## **SB 1127**

Introduced by  
Senator Farnsworth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 4-228, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO LIQUOR  
LICENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 4-228, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 4-228. Front entrance lock prohibited; exception

5 A. Except as provided in this section, an on-sale licensee shall  
6 not lock or permit to be locked the front entrance to a licensed  
7 establishment until all persons other than the licensee or the licensee's  
8 employees on duty have left the premises. This section does not prohibit  
9 locking the premises immediately after the closing of the premises if an  
10 employee and one other person remain on the premises.

11 B. If the holder of a club license issued pursuant to section 4-205  
12 has bona fide concerns regarding the safety of club members and their  
13 guests, the licensee may apply to the director for permission to lock the  
14 front entrance to the licensed establishment. The application shall be on  
15 a form prescribed by the director and shall include a description of the  
16 safety concerns.

17 C. The director shall determine in the director's discretion  
18 whether to grant permission ~~TO A CLUB LICENSEE~~ to lock the front entrance  
19 ~~to a club license~~. The director shall consider, among other factors, the  
20 safety concerns documented by the club licensee and the location, method  
21 of operation and regulatory history of the club. ~~Fire fighters~~  
22 ~~FIREFIGHTERS~~, law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel and  
23 the director shall have immediate access by means of a master key, master  
24 card or other similar device to the licensed establishment at all times  
25 that the establishment is occupied. At any time the director may revoke  
26 permission to lock the front entrance granted pursuant to this section.