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House Bill 902

(Carroll County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales

This bill authorizes certain alcoholic beverage licensees in Carroll County to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays and authorizes other licensees in the county to reopen earlier on Sundays.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect the finances or operations of Carroll County.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: As shown in **Exhibit 1**, the bill authorizes Sunday sales for certain Class A, Class B, and Class D alcoholic beverage licensees in Carroll County. The bill also extends the hours which certain Class B, Class C, and Class H licensees may operate in the county.

Exhibit 1
Carroll County Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Current Sunday Hours</u>	<u>HB 902 Sunday Hours</u>
Class A beer and light wine	No Sunday sales	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Class A beer, wine, and liquor	No Sunday sales	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Class D beer and light wine	No Sunday sales	11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Class C and Class H beer, wine, and liquor	12 p.m.-1 a.m. the following Monday	11 a.m.-1 a.m. the following Monday
Class B beer and light wine 7-day (on-sale)	12 p.m.-1 a.m. the following Monday	11 a.m.-1 a.m. the following Monday
Class B beer and light wine 7-day (off-sale)	No Sunday sales	11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Current Law: In Carroll County, the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday is restricted for certain license holders. Exhibit 1 details the hours which licensees are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Background: Chapter 463 of 2007 extended the hours of operation for holders of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Carroll County. Chapter 463 authorized these licensees to reopen and sell alcoholic beverages at 11:00 a.m. rather than 12:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Small Business Effect: The bill authorizes Sunday sales for Class A beer and light wine; Class A beer, wine, and liquor; Class D beer and light wine; and Class B beer and light wine (off-sale) licensees. The bill also extends Sunday operating hours for Class C and Class H beer, wine, and liquor and Class B beer and light wine (on-sale) licensees.

Additional Information

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