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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 117  
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours of Sale on Sundays for Holders of Class A Licenses

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This bill alters the hours of sale, on Sundays, for holders of Class A off-sale licenses in Carroll County. Specifically, the bill authorizes license holders to sell alcoholic beverages between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m., instead of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. The bill also clarifies that the provision of law modified by the bill refers to Class A off-sale licenses.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Enforcement can likely be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful positive impact for any qualifying licensee permitted to open earlier on Sundays.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Holders of Class A off-sale licenses may sell alcoholic beverages between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Sunday.

**Background:** In fiscal 2014, there were 41 Class A off-sale licenses issued in Carroll County. One was a Class A off-sale beer and wine license, and 40 were Class A off-sale beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 719 (Senators Ready, *et al.*) – Rules.

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