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House Bill 737

(Carroll County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Beginning Hour of Sale

This bill alters the hours during which holders of various beer and wine (BW) and beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licenses in Carroll County may sell or provide alcoholic beverages for on- or off-premises consumption.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal impact on Carroll County finances and operations. Compliance and enforcement activities relating to the new hours of sale can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for businesses that are able to open earlier on Sundays and realize increased sales as a result.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The hours that specified licensees in Carroll County are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages under the bill and under current law are described in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Hours of Sale in Carroll County

<u>License</u>	<u>Current Hours</u>	<u>Revised Hours</u>
Class B BW 7-day	On-premises Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day, and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day. Off-premises Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	On-premises Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day Off-premises Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Class D BW 7-day	Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to midnight Sunday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.	Monday-Saturday 6 a.m. to midnight Sunday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Class B BWL	Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day, and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day	Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day
Class C BWL	Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day, and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day	Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day
Class H BWL	Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day, and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day	Monday-Sunday 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Background: In fiscal 2015, there were a total of 145 alcoholic beverages licenses issued for use in Carroll County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 677 (Carroll County Senators) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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