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House Bill 1228  
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales for Hotels and Restaurants**

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This bill extends the authorized hours of operation for holders of Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County. The bill would authorize these licensees to reopen and sell alcoholic beverages at 11:00 a.m., rather than 12:00 p.m., on Sundays.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Carroll County a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license authorizes the holder of the license to sell alcoholic beverages at retail at a hotel or restaurant for consumption on the premises. The license also authorizes the holder to sell beer for consumption off-premises. The annual fee for a Class B beer, wine and liquor license is \$1,500 for a restaurant or hotel. License holders must meet certain capacity and valuation requirements.

Holders of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages beginning at or after 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday through 1:00 a.m. the following day. On Sundays, these license holders are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. the following Monday.

**Background:** As of April 30, 2006, a total of 71 Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses had been issued in Carroll County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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