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Third Reader

House Bill 1096  
Economic Matters

(Allegany County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales and Privileges

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This bill extends the Sunday hours of sale for holders of specified alcoholic beverages licenses and Sunday sales permits in Allegany County. For specified license and permit holders, the bill also authorizes Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. The bill repeals the restaurant facilities requirement for Class D beer; Class D beer and light wine; and Class D beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Allegany County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potentially meaningful. The bill's extension of operating hours and repeal of the restaurant facilities requirement for specified license holders could increase sales for the affected licensed establishments.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary/Current Law:** The bill authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption on Sundays for the following license holders and two-day Sunday sales permit holders:

- Class B beer, wine, and liquor;
- Class C beer; Class C beer and light wine; and Class C beer, wine, and liquor; and

- Class D beer; Class D beer and light wine; and Class D beer, wine, and liquor (for the two-day Sunday sales permit).

*Sunday Hours of Sale:* The bill extends, from 11 a.m. to midnight to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, the Sunday hours of sale for a holder of a Class A beer license; a Class A beer and light wine license; and a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license. The bill also correspondingly extends the hours of sale for the two-day Sunday sales permits issued to Class A license holders.

The bill extends, from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, the Sunday hours of sale for a holder of a Class C beer license; a Class C beer and light wine license; and a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license. The bill also correspondingly extends the hours of sale for the two-day Sunday sales permits issued to Class C license holders.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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