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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 701

(Washington County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Hours of Sale**

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This bill extends the Sunday hours of sale for Class A beer, beer and light wine, and beer, wine, and liquor (off-sale) licensees in Washington County. The Sunday hours of sale for Class A licensees in Washington County are from 11 a.m. to midnight. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for Class A licensees who extend their Sunday hours of sale as a result of the bill.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Washington County, the days and hours of sale for Class A licensees are Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. and, for licensees that pay a \$250 Sunday permit fee, Sunday from noon to midnight.

In Washington County, a Class A license authorizes the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages at retail for off-premises consumption.

**Background:** According to the Comptroller's Office, in fiscal 2018, there were 40 Class A licenses issued in Washington County.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office; Washington County; Department of Legislative Services

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