

HB 1498 -- Sunday Liquor Sales

Sponsor: Hough

This bill changes the laws regarding Sunday liquor sales.

Currently, a person with a license to sell intoxicating liquor in the original package at retail is authorized to apply for a Sunday liquor sales license. The bill removes the requirement that the liquor be in its original package and allows any person with a license to sell intoxicating liquor at retail to apply for a Sunday liquor sales license.

The bill repeals various separate provisions authorizing a person to obtain a special license for Sunday sales of intoxicating liquor, malt liquor, or certain beers, including: wine shops; dance ballrooms in the City of St. Louis; certain hotel and resort restaurants and bars; certain amusement places; certain places of entertainment in Kansas City, St. Louis City, Jackson County, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County; sports stadiums in St. Louis City; airline clubs; and charitable, fraternal, religious, service, or veterans' organizations that are exempt from federal income taxes.

The requirement that certain establishments in St. Louis City or Kansas City have a certain minimum amount of gross receipts in order to obtain a Sunday-by-the-drink license is repealed.

For certain licensees in convention trade areas that hold a Sunday sales license, the permitted time to open on Sundays is changed from 11:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.