

SS SCS HCS HB 1498 -- LIQUOR SALES

This bill changes the laws regarding liquor sales.

The bill repeals provisions requiring certain establishments to have a certain minimum amount of gross receipts in order to obtain a Sunday by-the-drink license and provisions authorizing specified persons 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 and allows any person with a liquor license to apply for a Sunday liquor sales license.

For specified licensees that hold a Sunday by-the-drink 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.

Any person who is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail in the Lambert St. Louis International Airport is allowed to apply to the Supervisor of Liquor Control within the Department of Public Safety for a special permit that allows the premises to open at 4:00 a.m. and to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold. An applicant for this special permit, in addition to all other fees required, must pay a \$300 annual fee.

Currently, any restaurant bar without an on-site brewery that serves 45 or more different types of draft beer may sell 32 fluid ounces or more of beer to customers for consumption off the premises. The bill reduces the requirement to 20 or more different types of beer.

The bill allows any person licensed to sell liquor at retail by the drink for consumption on the premises where sold to use a table tap dispensing system to allow a patron to dispense beer at a table. The employee of the licensee must first authorize an amount of beer, not to exceed 32 ounces per patron per authorization, to be dispensed by the system. No law, rule, or regulation of the Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco Control in the department can be interpreted to allow any wholesaler, distributor, or manufacturer of intoxicating liquor to furnish table tap dispensing or cooling equipment or provide services for the maintenance, sanitation, or repair of a dispensing system.