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House Bill 701 (Washington County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Hours of Sale

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.**

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.

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.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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

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