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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SUNDAYS PRIOR TO CERTAIN HOLIDAYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 30-91 of the 2006 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

4 (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in
5 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of
6 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel
7 permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, restaurant permits for
8 catering establishments, bowling establishment permits, racquetball
9 facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits, coliseum concession
10 permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting
11 facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest
12 permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting
13 facility bar permits, golf country club permits, nonprofit public
14 museum permits, university permits, airport restaurant permits,
15 airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, a
16 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, casino permits, caterer liquor

17 permits and charitable organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1)
18 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the
19 hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between
20 the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday
21 between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock a.m.; (4)
22 Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is
23 also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for
24 the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at
25 casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the
26 hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any
27 Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be
28 between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock a.m.

29 (b) Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance,
30 reduce the number of hours during which sales under subsection (a) of
31 this section, except sales pursuant to an airport restaurant permit,
32 airport bar permit or airport airline club permit, shall be permissible.
33 In all cases when a town, either by vote of a town meeting or by
34 ordinance, has acted on the sale of alcoholic liquor or the reduction of
35 the number of hours when such sale is permissible, such action shall
36 become effective on the first day of the month succeeding such action
37 and no further action shall be taken until at least one year has elapsed
38 since the previous action was taken.

39 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
40 section to the contrary, such sale or dispensing or consumption or
41 presence in glasses in places operating under a bowling establishment
42 permit shall be unlawful before two p.m. on any day, except in that
43 portion of the permit premises which is located in a separate room or
44 rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment,
45 is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times
46 except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any
47 alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a bowling
48 establishment permit shall be served in containers such as, but not
49 limited to, plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting

50 or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under
51 this subsection shall be permissible.

52 (d) The sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating
53 under package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer
54 permits for beer or grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on
55 Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day,
56 New Year's Day, Sunday or Christmas or, if Independence Day,
57 Christmas or New Year's Day occurs on a Sunday, on the Monday next
58 following such day except that such sale or dispensing shall be lawful
59 on any Independence Day occurring on a Saturday; and such sale or
60 dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating under package store
61 permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for beer and
62 grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on any other day before
63 eight o'clock a.m. and after nine o'clock p.m. It shall be unlawful for
64 the holder of a manufacturing permit for a brew pub to sell beer for
65 consumption off the premises on the days or hours prohibited by this
66 subsection. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by
67 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be
68 permissible. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,
69 the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating under
70 package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for
71 beer or grocery store beer permits shall be lawful on the Sunday
72 immediately prior to Christmas or New Year's Day when said holidays
73 occur on a Monday.

74 (e) In the case of any premises operating under a tavern permit or
75 premises operating under a cafe permit, wherein, under the provisions
76 of this section, the sale of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on certain days
77 or hours of the day, or during the period when a tavern permit or cafe
78 permit is suspended, it shall likewise be unlawful to keep such
79 premises open to, or permit it to be occupied by, the public on such
80 days or hours.

81 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by

82 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a
83 manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such
84 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
85 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.
86 and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting
87 or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales and
88 the tasting of free samples of wine under this subsection shall be
89 permissible.

90 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section
91 to the contrary, food or nonalcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed
92 or consumed in places operating under an airport restaurant permit,
93 an airport bar permit or an airport airline club permit, at any time, as
94 allowed by agreement between the state of Connecticut and its lessees
95 or concessionaires.

96 (h) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in
97 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of
98 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under a nonprofit
99 golf tournament permit shall be unlawful on any day prior to eleven
100 o'clock a.m. and after nine o'clock p.m.

101 (i) The tasting of free samples of beer by visitors of a permittee
102 holding a manufacturing permit for beer on the premises of such
103 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
104 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.
105 and after eight o'clock p.m. Nothing in this section shall be construed
106 to limit the right of a holder of such permit to conduct manufacturing
107 operations at any time. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or
108 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which the tasting and
109 free samples of beer under this subsection shall be permissible.

110 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any
111 permittee to continue the sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor until
112 the closing hour established under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	30-91
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the sale of alcoholic liquor on Sunday when Christmas or New Year's Day occurs on a Monday.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]