



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RETAIL SALE OF SEALED BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS OF BEER BY BREW PUBS ON SUNDAY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-91 of the 2012 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

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

50 reduce the number of hours during which sales under this subsection
51 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, except that such holder may sell at retail on Sunday from
67 eleven o'clock a.m. to nine o'clock p.m., inclusive, sealed bottles or
68 other sealed containers of beer brewed on the premises for
69 consumption off the premises. Any town may, by a vote of a town
70 meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which
71 [such] a sale [shall be] is permissible pursuant to this subsection.

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

79 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by
80 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a
81 manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such

82 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
83 after nine o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m. and
84 after nine o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or by
85 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales and the
86 tasting of free samples of wine under this subsection shall be
87 permissible.

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

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

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

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

111 (k) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by
112 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a wine

113 festival permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued
114 pursuant to section 30-37l or 30-37m shall be unlawful on Sunday
115 before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m., and on any
116 other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town
117 may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of
118 hours during which the retail sale of wine and the tasting of free
119 samples of wine pursuant to this subsection shall be permissible.

120 (l) The sale of wine at a farmers' market by a permittee holding a
121 farmers' market wine sales permit pursuant to subsection (a) of section
122 30-37o shall be unlawful on Sunday and on any other day before eight
123 o'clock a.m. and after nine o'clock p.m., provided such permittee shall
124 not sell such wine at a farmers' market at any time during such hours
125 that the farmers' market is not open to the public. Any town may, by
126 vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours
127 during which sales of wine under this subsection shall be permissible.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	30-91

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the retail sale of sealed bottles or containers of beer by brew pubs on Sunday.

[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.]