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Introduced by:
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AN ACT EXTENDING PACKAGE STORE, DRUG STORE, BEER MANUFACTURER, BEER AND BREW PUB MANUFACTURER, GROCERY STORE, FARM WINERY, NONPROFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT AND FARMERS' MARKET WINE SALES PERMIT HOURS OF OPERATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

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

14 airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, a
15 manufacturer permit for a brew pub, manufacturer permits for beer
16 and brew pubs, casino permits, caterer liquor permits and charitable
17 organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday,
18 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock
19 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two
20 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of
21 two o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except (A) for
22 alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the
23 hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which
24 Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in
25 section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock
26 a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January
27 first the prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three
28 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, manufacturer permits for beer and brew pubs or
55 grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on Thanksgiving Day,
56 New Year's Day or Christmas; and such sale or dispensing of alcoholic
57 liquor in places operating under package store permits, drug store
58 permits, manufacturer permits for beer, manufacturer permits for beer
59 and brew pubs and grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on
60 Sunday before ten o'clock a.m. and after [five] eight o'clock p.m. and
61 on any other day before eight o'clock a.m. and after [nine] ten o'clock
62 p.m. It shall be unlawful for the holder of a manufacturer permit for a
63 brew pub to sell beer for consumption off the premises on the days or
64 hours prohibited by this subsection. Any town may, by a vote of a
65 town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during
66 which such sale shall be permissible.

67 (e) (1) In the case of any premises operating under a tavern permit,
68 wherein, under the provisions of this section, the sale of alcoholic
69 liquor is forbidden on certain days or hours of the day, or during the
70 period when a tavern permit is suspended, it shall likewise be
71 unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit it to be occupied by,
72 the public on such days or hours.

73 (2) In the case of any premises operating under a cafe permit, it shall
74 be unlawful to keep such premises open to, or permit such premises to
75 be occupied by, the public between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and
76 six o'clock a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and
77 Friday and between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and six o'clock a.m.
78 on Saturday and Sunday or during any period of time when such

79 permit is suspended, provided the sale or the dispensing or
80 consumption of alcohol on such premises operating under such cafe
81 permit shall be prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or
82 dispensing or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this
83 section.

84 (3) Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter, in the case of any
85 premises operating under a tavern or cafe permit, it shall be lawful for
86 such premises to be open to, or be occupied by, the public when such
87 premises is being used as a site for film, television, video or digital
88 production eligible for a film production tax credit pursuant to section
89 12-217jj, provided the sale or the dispensing or consumption of alcohol
90 on such premises operating under such tavern or cafe permit shall be
91 prohibited beyond the hours authorized for the sale or the dispensing
92 or consumption of alcohol for such premises under this section.

93 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by
94 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a
95 manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such
96 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
97 after [nine] ten o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock
98 a.m. and after [nine] ten o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town
99 meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which
100 sales and the tasting of free samples of wine under this subsection shall
101 be permissible.

102 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
103 food or nonalcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed or consumed
104 in places operating under an airport restaurant permit, an airport bar
105 permit or an airport airline club permit, at any time, as allowed by
106 agreement between the state of Connecticut and its lessees or
107 concessionaires.

108 (h) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in
109 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of

110 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under a nonprofit
111 golf tournament permit shall be unlawful on any day prior to eleven
112 o'clock a.m. and after [nine] ten o'clock p.m.

113 (i) The tasting of free samples of beer by visitors of a permittee
114 holding a manufacturing permit for beer on the premises of such
115 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and
116 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.
117 and after eight o'clock p.m. Nothing in this section shall be construed
118 to limit the right of a holder of such permit to conduct manufacturing
119 operations at any time. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or
120 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which the tasting and
121 free samples of beer under this subsection shall be permissible.

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

125 (k) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by
126 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a wine
127 festival permit or an out-of-state entity wine festival permit issued
128 pursuant to section 30-37l or 30-37m shall be unlawful on Sunday
129 before eleven o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m., and on any
130 other day before ten o'clock a.m. and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town
131 may, by vote of a town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of
132 hours during which the retail sale of wine and the tasting of free
133 samples of wine pursuant to this subsection shall be permissible.

134 (l) The sale of wine at a farmers' market by a permittee holding a
135 farmers' market wine sales permit pursuant to subsection (a) of section
136 30-37o shall be unlawful on any day before eight o'clock a.m. and after
137 [nine] ten o'clock p.m., provided such permittee shall not sell such
138 wine at a farmers' market at any time during such hours that the
139 farmers' market is not open to the public. Any town may, by vote of a
140 town meeting or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during

141 which sales of wine under this subsection shall be permissible.

142 (m) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section,
143 it shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section
144 30-37k, to allow the presence of alcoholic liquor in glasses or other
145 receptacles suitable to permit the consumption thereof by an
146 individual at any time on its gaming facility, as defined in subsection
147 (a) of section 30-37k, provided such alcoholic liquor shall not be served
148 to a patron of such casino during the hours specified in subsection (a)
149 of this section. For purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to
150 permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor" shall not include bottles of
151 distilled spirits or bottles of wine.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	30-91

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the hours of operation for package store, drug store, beer manufacturer, beer and brew pub manufacturer, grocery store, farm winery, nonprofit golf tournament and farmers' market wine sales permits.

[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.]