

HB 184 -- Liquor Sales

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill makes technical changes to the liquor sales laws. The bill also:

- (1) Removes the requirement that written consent must be obtained before a license to sell liquor within 100 feet of a school or church will be granted (Section 311.080, RSMo);
- (2) Changes the time of opening from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the sale of packaged liquor at retail and the sale of liquor on Sundays in restaurant bars, amusement places, and places of entertainment (Sections 311.097, 311.098, 311.102, and 311.293);
- (3) Allows persons licensed to sell malt liquor at retail by the drink to also sell 3.2% beer by the drink. The fee for the license is \$25. Any person licensed to sell malt liquor or 3.2% beer at retail may sell between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and midnight on Sundays (Sections 311.200 and 311.290);
- (4) Creates a rebuttable presumption that the contents of a manufacturer-sealed container that is labeled as containing alcohol or intoxicating beer does contain the listed contents. The presumption currently exists only for the sale of liquor to minors (Sections 311.325 and 312.407);
- (5) Requires the purchaser of liquor to provide upon demand by a liquor retailer a valid and unexpired driver's license or passport when purchasing liquor. Under current law, an expired license or passport may be used to purchase liquor (Section 311.328);
- (6) Repeals the section of law requiring the seller of malt liquor to label the malt liquor container with the name and location of the manufacturer (Section 311.360); and
- (7) Expands the power of peace officers employed by the Division of Liquor Control. The peace officers are given arrest, search, and seizure powers for violations of liquor laws, tobacco laws, and other laws when aiding and assisting other law enforcement agencies. The peace officers are required to notify local law enforcement agencies of investigations when making an arrest (Section 311.630).