HB 1265 -- TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF HOURS FOR CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSEES

SPONSOR: Gallick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows any establishment licensed to sell liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises to sell, serve, and allow for the consumption of alcohol between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day for the duration of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026.

Licensees are not required to apply for special or temporary licenses or permits in order to extend their alcohol sales hours.

Any city, county, district, or other political subdivision may, by ordinance, exempt itself from the provisions of this bill or modify the temporary period for extended alcohol sales hours.

This provision expires on July 20, 2026.

This bill is the same as HB 1528 (2025).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the FIFA World Cup is a special, world-spanning event that Kansas City is honored to host, and that as a result, the city wants to ensure that visitors are treated to a memorable week. Supporters further say that expanding the hours of operation and sale will promote economic growth, and create new part-time and full-time jobs.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Gallick; Missouri Beer Wholesalers Association; Buddy Lahl, Missouri Restaurant Association; Arnie Dienoff; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Missouri Restaurant Association; City of Kansas City.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.