

HB 626 -- SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR

SPONSOR: Walton Gray

This bill allows specified tax-exempt charitable, fraternal, religious, service, or veterans' organizations that are licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises in St. Louis City to apply to the Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco within the Department of Public Safety for a special permit to remain open until 3:00 a.m. each day of the week and to open at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Currently, any person licensed to sell intoxicating liquor in the original package not to be consumed upon the premises may sell malt liquor at retail between 9:00 a.m. and midnight on Sunday. The bill changes the time to between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The bill specifies that the current provisions regarding the fixed time for opening and closing the premises and the allowed hours and fees for Sunday sales of a business that sells intoxicating liquor in the original package to be consumed off the premises where sold must not apply to any retail business. "Retail business" means any drug store, cigar and tobacco store, grocery store, general merchandise store, or confectionary or delicatessen store. A licensed retail business cannot sell intoxicating liquor in the original package to be consumed off the premises where sold between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and between the hours of 10:00 p.m. Saturday and 6:00 a.m. Monday. A retail business possessing the qualifications and meeting specified requirements may apply to the Supervisor of Alcohol and Tobacco Control for a special license to sell the intoxicating liquor at retail between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sundays. A licensee must pay to the Director of the Department of Revenue an additional fee of \$200 a year payable at the same time and in the same manner as its other license fees. In addition to any authorized state permit, license, and inspection fees, a city or county may charge and collect a fee not to exceed \$300 from any licensee for the privilege of selling intoxicating liquor at retail between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Sundays in the city or county.