

HB 529 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **529**

AN ACT relative to the liquor commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. Grill, Hills. 18; Rep. Alexander Jr., Hills. 29; Rep. Bay, Straf. 21; Rep. Berry, Hills. 44; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. A. Murray, Hills. 20; Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Extends the hours of sales of alcoholic beverages.

II. Allows on-premises licensees to deliver liquor to customers who order a meal for home delivery.

III. Allows on-premises licensees to sell beer in refillable containers and refill such containers with beer.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT relative to the liquor commission.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Hours of Sales; Alcoholic Beverages. Amend RSA 179:17, II(a) and (b) to read as follows:

2 (a) Off-premises licensees may sell from 6:00 a.m. to [~~11:45 p.m.~~] **1:00 a.m.**, 7 days a  
3 week.

4 (b) On-premises licensees may sell from 6:00 a.m. to [~~1:00 a.m.~~] **2:00 a.m.**, 7 days a  
5 week. The licensee may sell until [~~2:00~~] **3:00** a.m. under conditions authorized by the legislative  
6 body of the city or town in which the premises are located if the legislative body adopts an ordinance  
7 authorizing such sales.

8 2 Transportation of Beverages and Wine; Liquor Included. Amend RSA 179:15, III-IV to read as  
9 follows:

10 III.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II, an on-premises licensee may  
11 purchase a restaurant delivery license from the commission for \$250. Such license shall expire one  
12 year after the date of issue and may be renewed by an on-premises licensee for \$250 each year.

13 (b) An on-premises licensee in possession of a restaurant delivery license shall only be  
14 permitted to transport beverages, **liquor**, and wines for delivery to consumers subject to the  
15 following requirements:

16 (1) All deliveries of beverages, **liquor**, and wines shall be accompanied by food  
17 prepared by the restaurant delivery licensee and ordered by the consumer;

18 (2) All deliveries of beverages, **liquor**, and wine conducted pursuant to this section  
19 shall be undertaken during the on-premises licensee's hours of operation and shall be delivered only  
20 to areas where the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted;

21 (3) All deliveries of beverages, **liquor**, and wine shall be solely for the personal  
22 consumption of the consumer and not for resale;

23 (4) All beverages and wines transported pursuant to RSA 179:15, II shall be  
24 transported in their original, manufactured, sealed containers;

25 (5) **All drinks containing liquor transported pursuant to RSA 179:15, II shall**  
26 **be transported in a sealed container provided by the restaurant delivery licensee. The**  
27 **container shall clearly identify the licensee from which the alcoholic beverage was**  
28 **purchased.**

29 [~~(5)~~] (6) Any individual engaged in the delivery of beverages, **liquor**, and wines  
30 pursuant to this section shall be an employee who regularly receives a W-2 from the on-premises  
31 licensee and is at least 21 years of age; and

1           ~~[(6)]~~ (7) During deliveries conducted under this section, the person engaged in  
2 making the delivery shall acquire a signed receipt from the consumer. Consumers who appear  
3 visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know are intoxicated, who do not  
4 produce identification verifying the consumer's age, or who fail to sign a receipt shall not be entitled  
5 to his or her delivery of beverages, *liquor*, or wine.

6           (c) No holder of a restaurant delivery license or on-premises license shall deliver any  
7 alcoholic beverage to any college, university, or school, whether public or private, located within the  
8 state. No holder of a restaurant delivery license or on-premises license shall deliver any alcoholic  
9 beverage to any public library, public playground, or public park.

10           IV. A person holding an on-premises license engaged in take-out services may include  
11 beverages, *liquor*, and wine with meals sold to a consumer for consumption by the consumer and  
12 not for resale. The requirements set forth in subparagraph III(b) shall apply to any take-out meal  
13 sold with beverages, *liquor*, or wine.

14           3 Substitution of Brand; Refilling Bottles. Amend RSA 179:40 to read as follows:

15           III. Where a licensee is authorized the retail sale of beer in a refillable container, *or issued*  
16 *an on-premises license pursuant to RSA 178:13, RSA 178:20, RSA 178:20-a, or RSA 178:21,*  
17 such licensee, at his sole discretion, may fill such refillable container with his product regardless of  
18 the branding on the refillable container.

19           4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.