



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

**Raised Bill No. 564**

LCO No. 2466



Referred to Committee on

Introduced by: **GENERAL LAW**  
(GL)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ON SUNDAYS DURING CERTAIN HOLIDAY PERIODS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 30-91 of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

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

17 permits and charitable organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1)  
18 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the  
19 hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between  
20 the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday  
21 between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and eleven o'clock a.m.; (4)  
22 Christmas, except (A) for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is  
23 also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for  
24 the day on which Christmas falls, and (B) by casino permittees at  
25 casinos, as defined in section 30-37k; and (5) January first between the  
26 hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m., except that on any  
27 Sunday that is January first the prohibitions of this section shall be  
28 between the hours of three 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 to the contrary, such sale or dispensing or consumption or  
41 presence in glasses in places operating under a bowling establishment  
42 permit shall be unlawful before two p.m. on any day, except in that  
43 portion of the permit premises which is located in a separate room or  
44 rooms entry to which, from the bowling lane area of the establishment,  
45 is by means of a door or doors which shall remain closed at all times  
46 except to permit entrance and egress to and from the lane area. Any  
47 alcoholic liquor sold or dispensed in a place operating under a bowling  
48 establishment permit shall be served in containers such as, but not  
49 limited to, plastic or glass. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting

50 or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales under  
51 this subsection 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 or grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on  
55 Decoration Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day,  
56 New Year's Day, Sunday or Christmas or, if Independence Day,  
57 Christmas or New Year's Day occurs on a Sunday, on the Monday next  
58 following such day except that such sale or dispensing shall be lawful  
59 on any Independence Day occurring on a Saturday, and on the Sunday  
60 immediately following Thanksgiving Day and each subsequent  
61 Sunday through the Sunday immediately following New Year's day  
62 during the hours of twelve o'clock p.m. to four o'clock p.m.; and such  
63 sale or dispensing of alcoholic liquor in places operating under  
64 package store permits, drug store permits, manufacturer permits for  
65 beer and grocery store beer permits shall be unlawful on any other day  
66 before eight o'clock a.m. and after nine o'clock p.m. It shall be unlawful  
67 for the holder of a manufacturing permit for a brew pub to sell beer for  
68 consumption off the premises on the days or hours prohibited by this  
69 subsection. Any town may, by a vote of a town meeting or by  
70 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which such sale shall be  
71 permissible.

72 (e) In the case of any premises operating under a tavern permit or  
73 premises operating under a cafe permit, wherein, under the provisions  
74 of this section, the sale of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on certain days  
75 or hours of the day, or during the period when a tavern permit or cafe  
76 permit is suspended, it shall likewise be unlawful to keep such  
77 premises open to, or permit it to be occupied by, the public on such  
78 days or hours.

79 (f) The retail sale of wine and the tasting of free samples of wine by  
80 visitors and prospective retail customers of a permittee holding a  
81 manufacturer permit for a farm winery on the premises of such

82 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and  
83 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.  
84 and after eight o'clock p.m. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting  
85 or by ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which sales and  
86 the tasting of free samples of wine under this subsection shall be  
87 permissible.

88 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section  
89 to the contrary, food or nonalcoholic beverages may be sold, dispensed  
90 or consumed in places operating under an airport restaurant permit,  
91 an airport bar permit or an airport airline club permit, at any time, as  
92 allowed by agreement between the state of Connecticut and its lessees  
93 or concessionaires.

94 (h) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in  
95 glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of  
96 alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under a nonprofit  
97 golf tournament permit shall be unlawful on any day prior to eleven  
98 o'clock a.m. and after nine o'clock p.m.

99 (i) The tasting of free samples of beer by visitors of a permittee  
100 holding a manufacturing permit for beer on the premises of such  
101 permittee shall be unlawful on Sunday before eleven o'clock a.m. and  
102 after eight o'clock p.m. and on any other day before ten o'clock a.m.  
103 and after eight o'clock p.m. Nothing in this section shall be construed  
104 to limit the right of a holder of such permit to conduct manufacturing  
105 operations at any time. Any town may, by vote of a town meeting or  
106 ordinance, reduce the number of hours during which the tasting and  
107 free samples of beer under this subsection shall be permissible.

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

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2006	30-91
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit the sale of alcoholic beverages on each Sunday falling between Thanksgiving Day, through the Sunday following New Year's Day, from noon until four p.m.

*[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.]*

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