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Microbrewery Sunday carryout bill to go to governor

Election day alcohol sales and extended Sunday serving hours also included

INDIANAPOLIS – A bill to allow Indiana’s microbreweries to sell their product for carryout on Sundays has received final approval by the General Assembly and will be sent to the governor for his signature. Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), author of the bill, said microbreweries play an increasing role in promoting local tourism in their communities. The new law will affect more than 30 microbreweries operating in Indiana, including Upland Brewing in Bloomington and Big Woods Brewing in Nashville.

“Microbreweries are local, small businesses that support a craft, providing jobs and bringing visitors to the community,” Simpson said. “The new law will provide brewers with the same opportunity as local wineries to offer carryout sales of their product during Sunday tastings and events.”

The Sunday carryout provision for microbreweries would be limited to a single transaction quantity equivalent to nine growlers or two cases of 12-ounce bottles. The carryout sales are also limited to the address for which the brewer’s permit was issued.

The bill also includes a change to Indiana law allowing alcohol sales on primary and general election days and allowing extended hours for bars and restaurants to serve alcohol on Sundays. Under current law, bars and restaurants are allowed to serve alcohol on Sunday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. the following day. The bill would extend those hours to 7 a.m. on Sunday until 3 a.m. the following day.

Additionally, the bill also require sales clerks to verify the age of any customer who appears to be younger than 50 years old by a driver’s license or other government issued photo identification on all carryout sales of alcohol. The state would also extend by one year a deadline for server certified training that is now required to be completed by May 1, 2010. Simpson said the extension was proposed to accommodate the overflow of applications made to state-operated certification courses.

The Senate voted 28 to 17 to approve Senate Bill 75 in its final form on Monday. The bill now goes to the governor for his signature. If signed into law, the microbrewery sales and required age verification provisions will become effective on July 1, 2010. The extended Sunday hours and election day provisions will become effective immediately.

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