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Sunday Sale of Alcohol by Class B Licensees

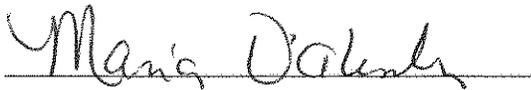
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The Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) intends, as one part of a comprehensive review of Commercial Licensing Regulation 8 *Liquor Control Administration*, to amend Rule 17 to remove the regulatory language that alcohol sales on Sundays in Class B liquor establishments cannot begin until 12:00 p.m. That regulatory language is followed by the clause “except as provided by law.” R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-7-7(a)(1) provides that Class B retail licensees cannot serve alcoholic beverages before six o'clock (6:00) a.m. on any given day. The statutory law’s allowance for an earlier daily start time for alcohol sales supports the Department’s plan to remove the restrictive regulatory language in Rule 17.

In light of the Department’s intent to amend Rule 17 and since there is no statutory prohibition on selling alcohol prior to 12:00 p.m. on a Sunday, the Department will not be enforcing this particular restriction in Rule 17 as of the date of this Bulletin.

Please be advised that pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-8-1, sales of alcohol on Sundays by Class B victualers and taverns must be accompanied by service of food. It is also recommended you contact the local licensing authority to determine whether there are any applicable ordinances or conditions on your license.

The Department will be following all the normal processes for amendments of regulations when its review of Commercial Licensing Regulation 8 is complete.



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