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LIQUOR AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF 8 AM SUNDAY BEER SALES

New Law Affects Only Off-Premise Retail Sales - County Restrictions Still Apply

Albany, NY – The New York State Liquor Authority today announced the approval of a bill authorizing the sale of beer by retail establishments after 8 AM on Sundays. Chapter 312 of the Laws of 2006, signed on July 26, 2006, authorizes the sale of beer by retailers holding an off-premises license on Sunday before 3 AM and after 8 AM.

Sales are restricted for off-premises consumption to persons making purchases to be taken from retail establishments. The law does not affect the authority of a county legislative body to further restrict the hours of sale of alcoholic beverages within the county. Retailers holding an off-premise license are advised to check with the county in which they operate to determine whether there are restrictions 8 AM Sunday beer sales. The prior law was seen as unnecessarily inconveniencing citizens choosing to shop on Sunday mornings as well as those traveling and planning early morning outings.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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