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S.B. No. 604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to customers of a  
3 package store during certain hours.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 22, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended  
6 by adding Section 22.17 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.17. SALE TO CUSTOMER IN STORE AT CLOSING.  
8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, if a customer has  
9 entered a package store during hours in which the package store may  
10 sell alcohol and is still in the store at the time the hours of legal  
11 sale end, the permittee may allow the customer to remain in the  
12 store for a reasonable amount of time to finish shopping, and the  
13 permittee may sell an alcoholic beverage to that customer even  
14 though the sale occurs after the designated end of the hours of  
15 legal sale.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.