By:  Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 1518

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2021; May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Johnson              X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire             X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the hours for selling alcoholic beverages in certain establishments.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 105.01(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided in Sections 105.02, 105.03, 105.04, [~~and~~] 105.08, and 105.091, no person may sell, offer for sale, or deliver any liquor:

(1)  on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day;

(2)  on Sunday; or

(3)  before 10 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on any other day.

SECTION 2.  Section 105.06, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (f), in [~~In~~] a standard hours area, a person commits an offense if the person [~~he~~] consumes or possesses with intent to consume an alcoholic beverage in a public place at any time on Sunday between 1:15 a.m. and 12 noon or on any other day between 12:15 a.m. and 7 a.m.

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (f), in [~~In~~] an extended hours area, a person commits an offense if the person [~~he~~] consumes or possesses with intent to consume an alcoholic beverage in a public place at any time on Sunday between 2:15 a.m. and 12 noon and on any other day between 2:15 a.m. and 7 a.m.

(f)  A person who is a registered guest of a hotel may consume or possess alcoholic beverages in the hotel bar, as defined by Section 105.091, at any time.

SECTION 3.  Chapter 105, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 105.091 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.091.  HOURS OF SALE; HOTEL BAR. (a) In this section, "hotel bar" means an establishment that is located in a hotel and holds a permit or license providing for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages.

(b)  Notwithstanding any other law, a hotel bar may sell or offer for sale alcoholic beverages at any time to a registered guest of the hotel.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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