

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, state law prohibits the sale of beer and wine prior to noon on Sundays. However, there is an exception which allows for the sale of beer and wine after 10 a.m. at Sunday "sports venues." This exception for sports venues does not include the many fairs, festivals, and concerts that take place on Sunday mornings. Due to the current state of the law, vendors at these events are losing two hours worth of sales opportunities.

H.B. 168 allows these venues the opportunity to increase their sales by allowing vendors associated with fairs, festivals, and concert events to sell beer and wine starting at 10 a.m. on Sundays, rather than noon.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 105, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by adding Section 105.08, as follows:

Sec. 105.08. HOURS OF SALE AND CONSUMPTION: CERTAIN EVENTS. Provides that, notwithstanding any other provision of this code, in addition to any other period during which the sale and consumption of alcohol is authorized under this code, a licensed or permitted premises located at a festival, fair, or concert is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages between 10 a.m. and noon and a person is authorized to consume alcoholic beverages at a festival, fair, or concert between 10 a.m. and noon.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.