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H.B. No. 824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to customers of a package store during certain hours.

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

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

Sec. 22.17. SALE TO CUSTOMER IN STORE AT CLOSING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, if a customer has entered a package store during hours in which the package store may sell alcohol and is still in the store at the time the hours of legal sale end, the permittee may allow the customer to remain in the store for a reasonable amount of time to finish shopping, and the permittee may sell an alcoholic beverage to that customer even though the sale occurs after the designated end of the hours of legal sale.

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