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Alcohol Action Alert



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Call the Governor to VETO HB 398
Eliminates Happy Hour provision that prevents drunk driving
Allows Local Liquor Commissioner to approve alcohol near churches/ schools**

HB 398 would allow discounted beer, wine, and spirits to be sold for up to 4 hours a day or 15 hours a week. Happy hour deals would end at 10:00 p.m.

Bars and restaurants would be allowed to serve house-infused spirits, with higher alcohol content.

HB 398 allows Party Packages that include free food and entertainment, include drinks of alcohol as part of a meal package, and include drinks of alcoholic liquor as part of a hotel package.

A new study finds 14 percent of American adults currently have an alcohol use disorder (AUD). The study funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), reports that **nearly one-third of adults in the United States have an AUD at some time in their lives, but only about 20 percent seek treatment.**
[Click here to see more study findings on the NIH website](#)

HB 398 allows the sale of more than one drink per person at a time, which was banned in 1989 because of concerns for drunken driving.

HB 398 also allows a local liquor commissioner to make an exemption to approve a liquor license closer than 100 feet from a church or school.


FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Call the Governor toll free at 1-800-642-3112 to VETO 398** to protect public

- safety and prevent drunk driving, underage drinking, and alcohol poisoning.
2. **Share this Alert with your church** and ask them to **CALL** and **PRAY**.

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