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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Alcohol Action Alert Ask Gov. to Veto SB 398**



### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **Ask the Governor to VETO SB 398 - Eliminates the Happy Hour ban**

Today's *Chicago Tribune* has an article about a bar owner who is opposed to SB 398. In "A sober look at reviving happy hour" Jacobs **sees the bill as a threat to public safety.**

"**There will be people who go from one happy hour to the next,**" he said Tuesday, standing in Piece Brewery and Pizzeria, his popular Wicker Park restaurant. "Maybe he or she will get on his or her bike and get killed. Or get in his or her car. Those things are inevitable. It's the reason happy hour was banned."

**The law is poised to change before most of us have given it a thought. "No one knew about it,"** he said. "There was no opportunity to form a coalition to oppose it. And now it's the ninth inning." [Read more:](#)

**SB 398 allows discounts of alcoholic drinks four hours a day and 15 hours a week.** Happy Hour **discounted drinks will be offered early in the evening so people can start drinking after work.** People will drink more, thus endangering the health of individuals and public safety.

**SB 398 removes the ban on alcohol sales in Chicago between 3:00 a.m. and noon on Sundays**

**SB 398 allows local commissioners to grant exemptions for the sale of alcohol closer than 100 feet from a church, school, hospital, and home for the aged, indigent or veterans.** Many retail liquor establishments want to build near these restricted areas. The 100 foot rule serves as a buffer and safe zone for children and families.

### FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

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