

RESOLUTION NO. 113

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY CHANGE THE HOURS OF SALE OF WINE AND LIQUOR IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 3/13/23

By Feeney, A. Joyce and Miller:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to New York Alcoholic Beverage Control Law §105(14)(a), wine and liquor stores licensed by the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) are permitted to be open between the hours of 8:00AM and midnight every day of the week except Sunday, and

WHEREAS, New York Alcoholic Beverage Control Law §17(11) allows a county legislative body to request changes to these hours and, following a SLA-held public hearing, the SLA will either approve or disapprove the requested change in hours, and

WHEREAS, Currently, wine and liquor stores in Albany County are restricted beyond what is required by state law and only allowed to be open between the hours of 9:00AM and 9:00PM every day of the week except Sunday, and

WHEREAS, A majority of surrounding counties do not have this restriction and allow wine and liquor to be sold for off-premises consumption between the hours of 8:00AM and midnight every day of the week except Sunday, and

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature requests that the SLA change the hours of sale of wine and liquor for off-premises consumption in Albany County to 8:00AM to 11:00PM every day of the week except Sunday between November 15 and January 7 each year to allow wine and liquor store owners in Albany County more freedom in setting their store hours and allow consumers more flexibility to shop at wine and liquor stores in the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That pursuant to New York State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law §17(11), the Albany County Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Liquor Authority change Albany County's restriction on sales of wine and liquor for off-premises consumption to permit their sale from 8:00AM to 11:00PM every day of the week except Sunday between November 15 and January 7 each year, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials as well as the

New York State Liquor Authority so that notice be given and a hearing on this request be held within the County.

Referred to Law Committee – 3/13/23

Favorable Recommendation Law Committee – 3/29/23