

RESOLUTION NO. 71

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

Introduced: 3/10/25

By Law Committee:

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 when they are permitted to be open between the hours of 10:00AM and 10:00PM, and

WHEREAS, New York State 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

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 midnight every day of the week except Sunday and 10:00AM to 10:00PM on Sunday to allow wine and liquor store owners in Albany County more freedom in setting their business hours and allow consumers in Albany County more flexibility to shop at wine and liquor stores, 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 midnight every day of the week except Sunday and 10:00AM to 10:00PM on Sunday, 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 may be given and a hearing on this request be held within the County.