

Chairman Klopfenstein, Vice Chairman Newman, Ranking Member Miller and my fellow representatives serving on the Agricultural Committee, I wish to express my gratitude for the chance today to give sponsor testimony with my joint sponsor Representative Jack Daniels. This is my first ever bill I am proposing, and I appreciate Representative Jack Daniels joining me.

For me, this is a pro-business, pro-consumer and pro-tourism bill. It is a permissive bill allowing local townships or municipal legislative authorities to “opt into” an “efficiency-up” opportunity, enabling largely restaurants and groceries to obtain in their applicable city or township a Sunday liquor license without requiring them to spend precious time and financial resources going through a local ballot election process to achieve this.

This bill will allow permit holders already able to sell wine, spiritous liquors and mixed beverages on a Monday to Saturday basis, to be able to obtain a Sunday license for the same privileges from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, providing their Municipality or Township adopts an ordinance or resolution doing so. , it also allows permit holders that are issued liquor permits after the bill’s effective date to apply for a Sunday sales liquor permit (D-6 liquor permit) if their local government adopts an ordinance or resolution providing for Sunday sales.

These local election options pass over 80% of the time and usually at a range somewhere of 70-80% “For”. I feel for areas of Ohio where these customarily pass, this will be an attractive option for localities to pass a resolution or ordinance opting in. For those areas of Ohio, where this is not a desirable option, they can choose not to “opt in”.

Thank you.