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SUMMARY

- Temporarily extends bar hours of operation by one hour after its authorized hours of operation under its liquor permit.
- Exempts bars from statewide curfews.
- Declares an emergency.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Curfew and extension of hours

The bill temporarily extends bar hours of operation and exempts bars from statewide curfews. (A bar is an A-1c, A-1-A, or class D liquor permit holder [see, “**Background**,” below].) Specifically, it states that on the bill’s effective date and for one year after, both of the following apply:

1. No curfew can be issued or established and any curfew in existence on the bill’s effective date has no force or effect. A curfew is one that applies statewide and that is established by an executive or health order or emergency rule that restricts the authorized hours of operation of any bar in Ohio.
2. A bar may operate one hour after the specified closing time designated under its authorized hours of operation. Generally, a bar may operate Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. until 1:00 or 2:30 a.m. the following day, depending on the type of liquor permit. If authorized by local option, a bar also may operate between 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. and midnight on Sunday.¹

¹ Section 1.

Background

Below is a list of permits referenced above, along with a description of the authorized activity under the permit.

Class of liquor permit ²	Authorized activity
A-1c	Craft brewery may sell its beer for on- or off-premises consumption.
A-1-A	Brewery, winery, or distillery may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor by glass or from a container; and a brewery may sell beer for off-premises consumption.
D class	Generally, a bar, restaurant, or club may sell beer and any intoxicating liquor by glass or from container.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4303.021, 4303.022, and 4303.13 to 4303.183.