§4. Business days and hours

No liquor may be sold except as provided in this section. [PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

1. Hours for sale of liquor. Except as provided in this subsection, licensees may sell or deliver liquor from 5 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. of the following day.

A. [PL 2015, c. 74, §1 (RP).]

B. Licensees may sell liquor on January 1st of any year from 12 midnight to 2 a.m.

(1) In areas in which liquor may be sold except on Sundays, if January 1st falls on a Monday, licensees may sell or deliver liquor between 9 p.m. Sunday, December 31st and 2 a.m. January 1st, notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary. [PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

C. [PL 1993, c. 266, §3 (RP).]

D. Wholesale licensees may sell or deliver liquor to licensed establishments from 4 a.m. on any day until 1 a.m. the following day. [PL 2001, c. 21, §1 (NEW).]

E. An on-premises retail licensee located in an international air terminal may sell liquor to an international passenger in transit at any time of day. [PL 2021, c. 658, §41 (NEW).]
[PL 2021, c. 658, §41 (AMD).]

2. Consumption and possession of liquor. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, licensees may not permit the consumption or possession of liquor on their premises after 1:15 a.m.

A. Licensees may permit the consumption of liquor on their premises until 2:15 a.m. on January 1st. [PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

B. This subsection does not apply to consumption or possession by bona fide hotel guests in their rooms. [PL 1993, c. 730, §14 (AMD).]
[PL 1993, c. 730, §14 (AMD).]

3. Regulation of bottle clubs. Except as provided in paragraph A, municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m.

A. Municipalities may regulate the hours of operation of bottle clubs between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on January 1st. [PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]
[PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

4. Local option decisions govern. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph B and section 353, nothing in this section may be construed to allow the sale of liquor in municipalities in violation of chapter 5.
[PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. PP, §1 (AMD); PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. RRR (AFF); PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. PP, §1 (AMD).]

5. Illegal sales and purchases on Sunday.

[PL 2015, c. 74, §2 (RP).]

6. Penalty.
[PL 2015, c. 74, §2 (RP).]

7. License or right to sell on Sunday suspended or revoked.

[PL 1987, c. 342, §14 (RP).]

8. License suspended during appeal of conviction.

[PL 1987, c. 342, §14 (RP).]

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