



Governor Rules on Daylight Saving Time for Bars & Restaurants

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Indiana's bars and restaurants won't have to spring ahead until an hour after Daylight Saving Time officially starts early Sunday morning. Governor Mitch Daniels says the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission won't enforce the license laws during that one hour, and that one hour means hundreds of thousands of dollars.



Pour the drinks, serve the patrons, and pull out the food. Restaurant and bar owners are toasting Daniels for allowing them to stay open an extra hour during Daylight Saving Time, and the Final Four weekend.

"The biggest event going on this year and it keeps us open for another hour," said Kara Gordon of Buffalo Wild Wings. "That brings all that business back to us. That's phenomenal."



"We're only here for 4 days, so an extra hour is awesome," visitor Amy Nadolski told 24-Hour News 8.

There are 7,000 bars and restaurants in Marion County alone that serve alcohol. If they had lost an hour because of Daylight Saving Time, The Beverage Association says business owners across Central Indiana would have lost a quarter of a million dollars.

Amy Nadolski

"I'm really surprised," said Brad Klopfenstein of the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association. "We had been told by the Indiana Excise Police that this was the law and this was just going to be how we had to live with things. We were just going to have to shut things down at 2:00."



Paul Piercy

After all, tens of thousands are expected to pour in for the big weekend.

"Back in Missouri we already do that and now that we're at the Final Four now it will be an even bigger party," explained visitor Paul Piercy.

"I think it's a great idea because the city is just booming and it's great for the environment," added Cindy Hung.

"I'm sure we'll be causing some kind of havoc somewhere," laughed Amy Nadolski.

Out-of-towners are already getting their first taste of the Circle City. Business owners are glad they'll be able to extend that Hoosier hospitality even more.

"Usually after the game they're riled up, their team won. They're excited. They still want to stay out for a while. They still want to have a good time, and now we'll be able to provide that for them," Gordon said.



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