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Bar Owners: Daylight-Saving Comes At Terrible Time

Switch Will Deny 1 Hour Of Sales During Final Four

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INDIANAPOLIS -- Of all the weekends that Indiana could start mandating observance saving time, this one -- with the NCAA's Final Four in town -- might be one of the worst for downtown bar owners.

The cutoff time for alcohol sales in the state is 3 a.m. Daylight-saving time will begin at 2 a.m. and time will immediately jump to 3 a.m. In other words, there goes what would have been an hour of sales.

"It's really going to hurt us," said Kara Gordon, a bar manager. "I wouldn't be surprised to see a long line of cars downtown all the way to Broad Ripple if all the local bar owners aren't going to lose profit of a quarter of a million dollars."

For years, most of Indiana did [daylight-saving time](#), but the Indiana General Assembly passed a law last year that will require observance statewide. This weekend will mark the first time switch.

Will losing one hour of sales hurt much? Yes, according to an industry spokesman, who said many bars will have large crowds to begin with, and that will be magnified by this weekend's tight schedule.

"The last game of the Final Four will let out until about 11:30 p.m."

going to have a later crowd just naturally from those people filtering out," said Brad Klumpp of the Licensed Beverage Association.

Bars will get to stay open an extra hour for one night in October, when daylight-saving time and clocks are set back. But owners say that will not make up for sales lost this Sunday morning. All of the Final Four basketball fans will be gone, [6News' Norman Cox](#) reported.

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