West Virginia Legislature Adjourns Regular Session

More Economic Development & Pro-Jobs Bills Passed on the Last Day

The remaining two economic development and pro-jobs bills left on the final day's agenda were both adopted before the midnight adjournment on Saturday.

**Regulatory Reform Act**

SB 619 was passed by the House of Delegates late Saturday evening by a vote of 88-11. The bill changes the current rule-making statute including mandating both an economic and a health impact statement on each proposed rule and requiring all proposed rules include data on whether the rule will be "overly burdensome" to business and industry. The bill will be on its way to the Governor's desk late in the week.

"Brunch Bill"

SB 298 was passed by the House 82-13 late in the afternoon on Saturday. The bill allows alcoholic beverages to be served in restaurants, private clubs and wineries beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Currently, alcoholic beverages cannot be served in the state until 1 p.m. on Sundays. As amended by the House, the bill requires a county referendum before Sunday morning alcohol sales would be allowed. Governor Tomblin will receive the bill later in the week.

Economic Development & Pro-Jobs Bills Adopted by Senate & House of Delegates

FINAL UPDATE

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STATE SENATE
SB 1 --- Establishing WV Workplace Freedom Act (Right-to-Work): Vetoed by the Governor 2/11; veto overridden and passed by the Senate & House 2/12; Effective 90 days from passage

SB 7 --- Establishing wrongful conduct rule prohibiting recovery of damages in certain circumstances: Approved by the Governor 3/2; Effective 90 days from passage

SB 15 --- Adopting learned intermediary doctrine as defense to civil action due to inadequate warnings or instructions: Approved by the Governor 2/25; Effective 90 days from passage

SB 298 --- Allowing restaurants, private clubs and wineries sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays: to Governor for approval

SB 619 --- 2016 Regulatory Reform Act: to Governor for approval

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

HB 2615 --- West Virginia Small Business Capital Act (crowdfunding): to Governor for approval

HB 4005 --- Repealing prevailing hourly rate of wages requirements: veto overridden and passed by the House & Senate 2/1; Effective 90 days from passage.

HB 4228 --- Relating to transportation network companies (such as Uber): to Governor for his approval

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