



The Bar Letter: David Waters on Kansas Legislature Clarifying Liquor Laws

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In 2012, the Kansas Legislature passed, and Governor Sam Brownback signed into law, numerous amendments to the state's liquor laws through House Bill No. 2689 (2012). In what was seen as an attempt to liberalize the state's "happy hour" laws, HB2689 actually created several new practical problems for drinking establishments, and created confusion over the types of drinks that could be served, the size of drinks that could be served, and the types of serving vessels that could be used. On May 30, 2013, Governor Brownback signed Senate Substitute for House Bill 2199, which takes effect July 1, 2013. HB2199 attempts to clarify some of the inconsistencies in Kansas law, but may still leave drinking establishments and other providers without sufficient guidance as to the law's practical application.