

KENTUCKY ALCOHOL POLICY ALLIANCE

ACTION UPDATE: Alcohol Outlet Density in Kentucky

On August 14, 2012-- U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II ruled that KY law (established more than 70 years ago) allowing sale of wine and liquor by some retailers, but not others violates the U.S. Constitution EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE of the 14th Amendment. If the KY General Assembly does not resolve this state law issue this session and the appeal to the ruling filed by the KY ABC is lost, then ANY retailer will be able to sell ANY type of alcohol.

***“This ruling, if it stands, will create the largest expansion of alcohol since the Prohibition”,
and increase the potential for access to alcohol by minors.***

Research clearly shows: More alcohol access = more alcohol use = more social problems

- Higher density of alcohol outlets in a community is correlated with increased crime, violence and alcohol use by youth and adults.
- Higher density of alcohol outlets in a community is correlated with community deterioration and reduced economic growth and viability.
- Environmental strategies that affect entire neighborhoods and communities are needed to reduce harm and promote public health and welfare.

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