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New Liquor Sale Rules Go Into Effect

by [Ronald D. Richards](#)

New liquor sale rules went in effect recently. In late November, Governor Granholm approved of HB 6224 making it law. HB 6224 (now called Public Act 213 of 2010) changes the rules on selling liquor. The new law was similar to the one that Governor Granholm vetoed last month, but was tweaked in a way that the Governor was open to signing it. Highlights of the new law are as follows:

- The new law allows for Sunday liquor sales between 7 a.m. and noon upon applying for and paying a \$160 license fee -- but the local municipality may still ban Sunday

liquor sales by resolution or ordinance.

- The new law sets a limited number of liquor licenses for retirement centers.

Foster Swift's Administrative & Municipal Team is happy to answer any questions you have questions about the new liquor sale law, or liquor license matters as they relate to municipal enforcement. If you have such a question, contact:

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Foster Swift's Michigan Medical Marijuana Seminar Materials Available

On Wednesday, November 10, 2010, Foster Swift's Municipal Department Chairperson Ron Richards presented a seminar to the MTA's Livingston County Chapter on Michigan's Medical Marijuana Law. The seminar included information on what the law allows, ambiguities and holes in the law, and ways municipalities may consider addressing the use of medical marijuana in their communities.

If you have questions about the law or would like a copy of the seminar materials Ron handed out at the presentation, contact:

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“ASK A LAWYER” - MTA Business Solutions Session

DATE

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

TIME

12:15 to 1:15 p.m.

LOCATION

2011 MTA Annual Conference and Expo in Grand Rapids.

The Foster Swift “ASK A LAWYER” session is your chance to connect with Foster Swift attorneys – through a convenient and informal roundtable discussion format. It is a chance to ask about or discuss municipal issues affecting your area or topics not covered in conference programming.

In short, there will be about five or six roundtables set up during the session – with each roundtable assigned various municipal topics. One or more Foster Swift attorneys will be at each roundtable

ready to discuss the municipal issues you want to discuss or respond to municipal questions you have. Attendees are encouraged to visit multiple tables during the hour-long session.

Lunch will be provided!

Among others, expected roundtable topics will include the following:

- Labor & Employment Matters
- Municipal Litigation Matters
- Municipal Prosecution
- The Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act
- Municipal Finance and Bond Matters
- Land Use, Zoning, and Land Division
- Property Tax and Tax Tribunal Proceedings
- Ordinance Drafting and Enforcement
- Library Law
- Condemnation

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