

## **SUNDAY SPIRITS SALES: *ROLLING BACK THE BLUE LAWS***

More and more states are rolling back outdated Sunday sales prohibitions—legacies of the Blue Laws that once pervaded America. These archaic Blue Laws make no sense in a 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy, where Sunday is now the second busiest shopping day of the week.

Today, 36 states permit Sunday sales of distilled spirits. Since 2002, 14 states have joined the list of states that allow Sunday spirits sales:

### **2009**

**Arkansas**    **Local option**

### **2008**

**Colorado**

New York    (permanent Sunday sales passed)

Virginia    (expanded to include cities with 100,000 people or more)

### **2007**

Washington    (expanded number of stores allowed to open)

### **2005**

**Washington**

### **2004**

**Kentucky**

New York    (seven day sales)

**Rhode Island**

**Ohio**

**Idaho**

**Kansas**

**Virginia**    (allowed state stores to open in the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun, and Prince William, and in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax City, Manassas, Manassas Park, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach)

### **2003**

**Delaware**

**Pennsylvania**

**Massachusetts**

**New York**    (any six day sales)

### **2002**

**Oregon**