

KS Grocery Stores to Start Selling Full-Strength Beer

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas grocery and convenience stores will be able to sell regular beer starting in 2019 after a years-long effort to get full-strength brews into the stores.**

**Republican Governor Sam Brownback signed a bill Tuesday allowing grocery and convenience stores to sell beer with up to 6 percent alcohol by volume. They can now sell cereal malt beverage with 3.2 percent alcohol by weight.**

**In exchange, liquor stores will be able to sell cereal malt beverages and more non-alcoholic products, such as shot glasses, mixers, lottery tickets and tobacco products.**

**The House and Senate passed the bill earlier this month. Lawmakers have debated the issue for years.**

**Some said they were concerned large grocery chains would put independent liquor stores out of business. But grocery and liquor stores found the compromise.**

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