

## ***Wine Sales In Grocery Stores A No-Go For Legislature***

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The Legislature late Saturday night introduced a bill to raise revenues for the cash-strapped state that rejects Gov. Paterson's call to allow grocery stores to sell wine.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver said there was only "limited" support for allowing grocery stores to sell wine, which is vehemently opposed by the **state's liquor store owners**.

The rest of the revenue bill mirrors one **announced Friday by Paterson**, Silver said, including the temporary lifting of the exemption of the 4% sales tax on clothing and shoe purchases under \$110.

The bill would also cut in half the allowable charitable deductions for those making more than \$10 million, defer a host of business tax credits greater than \$2 million per year, and add a sales tax for online hotel reservation sites.

"These were all agreed to by the governor," Silver said. "Wine in grocery stores was never part of the deal."

The Legislature stands ready to tomorrow pass its revenue bill as well as health and education bills it introduced late Friday in order to avoid a government shutdown, he said.

Paterson is pushing an emergency budget bill that contains far more cuts as well as the authorization **to sell wine in grocery stores**.

Silver said there is still time to negotiate a compromise package with the governor before then, though there were no talks overnight.

Gov. Paterson has called the Legislature back into session this evening.