

California: Bill would ban alcohol from self-checkout lines

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Californians looking to purchase alcohol may soon be barred from supermarket self-checkout lines.

The state Senate voted 22-12 on Monday to send AB1060 to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's desk.

The bill would require retailers to process alcohol purchases through the traditional checkout system instead of self-service checkout.

Supporters say this will cut down on alcohol purchases by minors.

Opponents, including the California Grocers Association, say self-checkout machines already alert store employees to check identification when a customer scans an alcoholic beverage.

They say there is no evidence the technology has allowed minors to sneak through.