

New Bill Permits Malls & Eateries In Mumbai To Stay Open 24X7

In a few months, restaurants, multiplexes and malls in the city can remain open till late or even for 24 hours. The condition is that the establishments will require police permission.

The state government on Wednesday passed the Shops and Establishment (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, enabling owners of shops, hotels, theatres and multiplexes in the state to keep their establishments open round the clock, with an easier process to get permissions and licenses.

Currently, shops have to be closed by 10pm, with a grace period of 15 minutes. Restaurants are to shut by 12:30 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. with police permission. Paan and cigarette shops have to pack up by 1 p.m. and other commercial establishments by 9:30 p.m.