Bars obey 2 a.m. curfew

A week after the 2 a.m. alcohol-sales law went into effect, the police department is reporting no arrests for violations of the ordinance.

Uniformed police officers have been patrolling lounges and grocery stores in the city of Lafayette, making certain that alcohol is not sold after 2 a.m.
bars are closed by 2:30. In addition, plainclothes officers have been sent to the bars to double-check, according to Sgt. Ralph Peters.

The real test will come after New Year’s Day, when the parish-wide ordinance goes into effect. The city law took effect December 1, but only seven bars in the city usually stayed open beyond 2 a.m., according to City Council president Al Simon. Bars in the rural areas stay open later.