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Drinks Curfew Enacted

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A Moscow curfew on strong alcohol sales, which bans sales of beverages with alcohol content of more than 15 percent from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m., came into effect Wednesday.

The ban, which was welcomed by Federal Consumer Protection Service head Gennady Onishchenko, earlier caused a verbal spat between Federation Council Speaker Sergei Mironov, who criticized the idea, and Mayor Yury Luzhkov. Luzhkov slammed Mironov as a "protector of nighttime alcoholics" on Tuesday. Mironov dismissed the accusations Wednesday as "complete rubbish," Interfax reported.

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