



Commission to Reform the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law

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Briefing Material – Policy Research

Topic – 9: “The number of off premises retail licenses an individual may be granted for beer, wine, or liquor”

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License State	Number of Licenses	Source	Notes
Alabama	Unlimited	Alabama Code § 28-3A-23 (2020) - Regulation of Grant of Licenses. :: 2020 Code of Alabama :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia	
Alaska	1 per 3000 people	Alcoholic Beverage FAQs (alaska.gov)	Generally speaking, the quota for most license types has been exhausted and no new licenses can be issued, you can check here. Most licenses, however, are transferable. If you want to open your own business, you may need to find someone that would be willing to transfer an existing license to you .
Arizona	Lottery/Quota	Arizona Liquor License Lottery - Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control (azliquor.gov)	
Arkansas	1	https://www.armoneyandpolitics.com/grocery-stores-wine-sales/	
California	1 per 2500 people	Frequently Asked Questions Alcoholic Beverage Control (ca.gov)	
Colorado	3	Retail Liquor Stores Additional Licenses Colorado General Assembly	Under current law, a retail liquor store licensee that was licensed on or before January 1, 2016, and is a Colorado resident is permitted to obtain one additional retail liquor store license on or after January 1, 2017; 2 additional retail liquor store licenses on or after January 1, 2022; and 3 additional retail liquor store licenses on or after January 1, 2027.
Connecticut	1 per 2500 people	Chapter 545 - Liquor Control Act	
Delaware	2	Section 546 - Limit on number of retail licenses, Del. Code tit. 4 § 546 Casetext Search + Citator	At commissioner's discretion
DC	Not available		
Florida	1 per 7500	Chapter 561 Section 20 - 2022 Florida Statutes (flsenate.gov)	
Georgia	2	GA - GAC	
Hawaii	Not available		
Illinois	Not available		
Indiana	Quota	ATC: Obtaining An Alcoholic Beverage Permit	
Kansas	No limit	ABC-858 Retailer Public Checklist (ksrevenue.gov)	
Kentucky	1 per 2300	bill.pdf (ky.gov)	
Louisiana	Not available		
Maryland	1	MD Chain Store Legal Prohibitions Marylanders for Better Beer & Wine Laws (mbbw.org)	

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Massachusetts	9	https://www.mass.gov/doc/frequently-asked-questions-fall-2022/download	b. "Package Store" License under Section 15 Finally, "no firm, corporation, association or other combination of persons, directly or indirectly, or through any agent, employee, stockholder, officer or other person or any subsidiary whatsoever shall be granted, in the aggregate, more than 9 such licenses in the commonwealth, or be granted more than one such license in a town or two in a city."
Minnesota	1	Alcohol - General FAQ (mn.gov)	In cities of the first class, not more than one off-sale license for each 5,000 population. In all other cities the limit shall be determined by the city. (340A.413, Subdivision 5)
Missouri	No limit	Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licenses By Package ATC (mo.gov)	
Nebraska	No limit	Nebraska Legislature	
Nevada	Varies on municipality	How to Apply for a Nevada Liquor License - Nevada Liquor Law & Licensing (nvliquorlaw.com)	Nevada cities and counties are responsible for issuing retail liquor licenses, and the application process varies from one municipality to another.
New Jersey	2	IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION (nj.gov)	
New Mexico	Quota	ABC-2022-LOD-Quotas-Revised-4.5.2022.pdf (nm.gov)	
New York	1	https://sla.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/03/wine-store-liquor-store-quick-reference-final-03-21-2022.pdf	One Store A licensed wine store or liquor store owner may only own or have an interest (direct or indirect) in one wine store or liquor store in New York State. Can another business entity operate on my licensed premises? No, you must have exclusive control of the premises, you cannot allow another business entity to operate there.
North Dakota	No limit	North Dakota Century Code t05c02 (ndlegis.gov)	
Oklahoma	2	Oklahoma Liquor Law Changes (runnerslicensing.com)	
Oregon	State appointed operators	Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission : Becoming a Liquor Store Operator : Liquor Stores and Products : State of Oregon	

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Rhode Island	1 per 6000	ALCOHOL PERMIT RESTRICTIONS IN NEIGHBORING STATES	Although the state does not restrict the number of permits a package store owner can have, it allows one permit for every 6,000 residents. But if a town has less than 20,000 residents, it is allowed one permit for every 4,000 residents (R.I. Gen. Laws § 3-5-16).
South Carolina	3	Alcohol Beverage Licensing- Retail Liquor Store (sc.gov)	
South Dakota	2	Codified Law 35-4-10 South Dakota Legislature (sdlegislature.gov)	
Tennessee	2	Retail Package Store (tn.gov)	No owner can have any interest, either direct or indirect, in more than two retailpackage stores, a retail food store, or an alcohol license in the supplier orwholesale tiers of licenses.
Texas	5	Texas' alcohol regulations: They're complex and confusing The Texas Tribune	Exeptions for families and those existing prior to 1949 who do not have limits.
Washington	No limit	RCW 66.24.630: Spirits retail license. (wa.gov)	
Wisconsin	No limit	Wisconsin Legislature: 125.51	
Puerto Rico	Not available		

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State	Proposition/Question - November 2022	Link
Colorado	<p>Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning increasing the number of retail liquor store licenses in which a person may hold an interest, and, in connection therewith, phasing in the increase by allowing up to 8 licenses by December 31, 2026, up to 13 licenses by December 31, 2031, up to 20 licenses by December 31, 2036, and an unlimited number of licenses on or after January 1, 2037?</p>	<p>https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/ballot/contacts/2022.html</p>
	<p>Proposition 124 - Initiative #96 - Final Text</p>	<p>https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Initiatives/titleBoard/filings/2021-2022/96Final.pdf</p>
	<p>Unofficial Results: November 28, 2022 Yes/For: 905,554 (37.69%) No/Against: 1,497,332 (62.31%)</p>	<p>https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CO/115903/web.307039/#/detail/3908</p>
Massachusetts	<p>This proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for “all alcoholic beverages” and for “wines and malt beverages”) that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023; to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031.</p> <p>Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of “all alcoholic beverages” licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses.</p> <p>The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers.</p> <p>The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales.</p> <p>The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person’s identity and age.</p>	<p>https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/quest_3.htm</p>
	<p>Full Text of Question 3 Proposed Law</p>	<p>https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele22/information-for-voters-22/full_text.htm#three</p>
	<p>Unofficial Results: November 28, 2022 Yes/For: 1,041,949 (44.7%) No/Against: 1,287,211 (55.3)</p>	<p>https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/11/08/us/elections/results-massachusetts-question-3-changes-to-alcohol-retail-licensing.html</p>



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STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

June 15, 2022

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Fall) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law and the state finance law, in relation to enacting the "New York wine & distilled spirits development act"; and to repeal certain provisions of the alcoholic beverage control law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York
2 wine & distilled spirits development act".

3 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 63 of the alcoholic beverage control law
4 is REPEALED and subdivision 5 is amended to read as follows:

5 5. [Not] (a) Prior to January first, two thousand twenty-three, not
6 more than one license shall be granted to any person under this section.
7 Beginning on and after January first, two thousand twenty-three, a
8 person may be granted additional seven day licenses as follows, provided
9 however, the issuance of such seven day licenses shall be in accordance
10 with paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this subdivision:

11 (i) On or after January first, two thousand twenty-three, not more
12 than two additional seven day licenses may be granted to any person
13 under this section, for a maximum of three seven day licenses any person
14 may hold.

15 (ii) On or after January first, two thousand twenty-five, not more
16 than four additional seven day licenses may be granted to any person
17 under this section, for a maximum of five seven day licenses any person
18 may hold.

19 (iii) On or after January first, two thousand twenty-seven, not more
20 than six additional seven day licenses may be granted to any person
21 under this section, for a maximum of seven seven day licenses any person
22 may hold.

23 (iv) On or after January first, two thousand twenty-nine, not more
24 than eight additional seven day licenses may be granted to any person
25 under this section, for a maximum of nine seven day licenses any person
26 may hold.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (v) On or after January first, two thousand thirty-one, not more than
2 eleven additional seven day licenses may be granted to any person under
3 this section, for a maximum of twelve seven day licenses any person may
4 hold.

5 (b) Commencing on the effective date of this paragraph, and every five
6 years thereafter, the authority shall determine the ratio of active
7 seven day licenses in a county per adult residents over the age of twen-
8 ty-one years residing in such county, using the most current decennial
9 census as conducted by the United States Department of Commerce. Such
10 ratio shall be used by the authority when considering an application for
11 a seven day license within any county provided for in paragraphs (c) and
12 (d) of this subdivision.

13 (c) No additional seven day licenses shall be granted by the authority
14 in any county in which the ratio of active seven day licenses in such
15 county per adult residents over the age of twenty-one years residing in
16 such county is equal to or less than one active seven day license per
17 three thousand adult residents over the age of twenty-one years. The
18 provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to:

19 (i) the renewal, removal or continuance of a seven day license;

20 (ii) an application for a seven day license filed before the effective
21 date of this paragraph; or

22 (iii) an application by a purchaser of all or substantially all of the
23 assets of an existing licensee of a seven day license within the county.
24 A purchaser under this subparagraph shall make an application to the
25 authority, which the authority shall grant, provided that (A) such
26 purchaser is otherwise qualified to hold a seven day license, and (B)
27 the premises sought to be licensed under this section shall comply with
28 the requirements of this article and are not located in a different
29 county.

30 (d) The authority may, in its discretion, auction additional seven day
31 licenses to be used in any county whose ratio of active seven day
32 licenses in such county per adult residents over the age of twenty-one
33 years residing in the county is greater than one active seven day
34 license per three thousand adult residents over the age of twenty-one
35 years. No seven day license may be auctioned if such license would cause
36 the county's ratio of active seven day licenses per adult residents over
37 the age of twenty-one years residing in the county to be equal to or
38 less than three thousand adult residents over the age of twenty-one
39 years.

40 § 3. Subdivision 5 of section 66 of the alcoholic beverage control
41 law, as amended by section 3 of part Z of chapter 85 of the laws of
42 2002, is amended to read as follows:

43 5. The annual fee for [a] each license to sell liquor at retail not to
44 be consumed on the premises where sold shall be thirteen hundred sixty-
45 six dollars in the counties of New York, Kings, Bronx and Queens; eight
46 hundred fifty-four dollars in the county of Richmond and in cities
47 having a population of more than one hundred thousand and less than one
48 million; and elsewhere the sum of five hundred twelve dollars.

49 § 4. Subdivision 16 of section 105 of the alcoholic beverage control
50 law, as amended by chapter 621 of the laws of 1944, is amended to read
51 as follows:

52 16. No retail licensee to sell liquors and/or wines for off-premises
53 consumption shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any premises
54 where liquors, wines or beer are manufactured or sold at wholesale or,
55 except as set forth in section sixty-three of this chapter, any other
56 premises where liquor or wine is sold at retail for off-premises



1 consumption, by stock ownership, interlocking directors, mortgage or
2 lien on any personal or real property or by any other means. Any lien,
3 mortgage or other interest or estate, however, now held by such retailer
4 on or in the personal or real property of such manufacturer or whole-
5 saler, which mortgage, lien, interest or estate was acquired on or
6 before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred thirty-two, shall not be
7 included within the provisions of this subdivision; provided, however,
8 the burden of establishing the time of the accrual of the interest
9 comprehended by this subdivision, shall be upon the person who claims to
10 be entitled to the protection and exemption afforded hereby.

11 § 5. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 97-bbbbb
12 to read as follows:

13 § 97-bbbbb. New York distilled spirits and wine industry marketing and
14 promotion fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of
15 the commissioner of taxation and finance and the state comptroller a
16 special fund to be known as the "New York distilled spirits and wine
17 industry marketing fund". As used in this section, the term "the fund"
18 shall mean the New York distilled spirits and wine industry marketing
19 fund established pursuant to this section.

20 2. (a) The fund shall consist of twenty-five percent of all revenues
21 received pursuant to subdivision five of section sixty-six of the alco-
22 holic beverage control law, and all other money appropriated, credited
23 or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law.
24 Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the state from receiving
25 grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund and depositing
26 them into the fund according to law.

27 (b) On or before the first day of February each year, the comptroller
28 shall certify to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speak-
29 er of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, and chair of
30 the assembly ways and means committee, the amount of money deposited
31 into the fund during the preceding calendar year as the result of reven-
32 ue derived pursuant to subdivision five of section sixty-six of the
33 alcoholic beverage control law and from grants, gifts and bequests.

34 (c) On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner
35 of economic development shall provide a written report to the temporary
36 president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate
37 finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair
38 of the senate investigations and government operations committee, chair
39 of the senate agriculture committee, chair of the senate commerce,
40 economic development and small business committee, chair of the assembly
41 economic development, job creation, commerce and industry committee,
42 chair of the assembly agriculture committee, the state comptroller, and
43 the public. Such report shall include how the moneys of the fund were
44 utilized during the preceding calendar year including expenditures for
45 all promotional and marketing activity.

46 3. Moneys for the fund shall be expended only for the marketing and
47 promotional campaigns and education projects on behalf of New York
48 produced distilled spirits and wine that are approved by the commission-
49 er of economic development.

50 4. Moneys shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of
51 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner
52 of economic development.

53 5. To the extent practicable, the commissioner of economic development
54 shall ensure that all moneys received by the fund during a fiscal year
55 are expended prior to the end of the fiscal year.

56 § 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.