

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1784

By: Coleman of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending 37A  
7 O.S. 2021, Sections 6-103, 6-105, and 6-114, which  
8 relate to prohibited acts; providing exception for  
9 certain employees of licensees to conduct work under  
10 certain circumstances; updating statutory language;  
and declaring an emergency.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 6-103, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6-103. A. No retail spirits licensee shall:

15 1. Purchase or receive any alcoholic beverage other than from a  
16 wine and spirits wholesaler, beer distributor, winery or small  
17 brewer self-distribution licensee who elects to self-distribute;

18 2. Suffer or permit any retail container to be opened, or any  
19 alcoholic beverage to be consumed on the licensed premises, except  
20 when serving samples as authorized by Section 2-109 of this title or  
21 otherwise permitted by law; provided, the licensee shall not permit  
22 any alcoholic beverage content or retail container unsealed in  
23 connection with sampling authorized by Section 2-109 of this title  
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1 to remain on the licensed premises at the close of business on that  
2 day, excluding spirits;

3 3. Sell any alcoholic beverages at any hour other than between  
4 the hours of 8:00 a.m. and midnight Monday through Saturday, and  
5 shall not be permitted to be open on Thanksgiving Day or Christmas  
6 Day; provided, a county may, pursuant to the provisions of  
7 subsections B and C of Section 3-124 of this title, elect to allow  
8 such sales between the hours of noon and midnight on Sunday. Retail  
9 spirits licensees shall be permitted to sell alcoholic beverages on  
10 the day of any General, Primary, Runoff Primary or Special Election  
11 whether on a national, state, county or city election, provided that  
12 the election day does not occur on any day on which such sales are  
13 otherwise prohibited by law;

14 4. Sell spirits in a city or town, unless such city or town has  
15 a population in excess of two hundred (200) according to the latest  
16 Federal Decennial Census;

17 5. Sell any alcoholic beverage on credit; provided, that  
18 acceptance by a licensee of a cash or debit card or a nationally  
19 recognized credit card in lieu of actual cash payment does not  
20 constitute the extension of credit; provided, further, as used in  
21 this section:

22 a. "cash or debit card" means any instrument or device  
23 whether known as a debit card or by any other name,  
24 issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of

1 the cardholder in depositing, obtaining or  
2 transferring funds from a consumer banking electronic  
3 facility, and

4 b. "nationally recognized credit card" means any  
5 instrument or device, whether known as a credit card,  
6 credit plate, charge plate or by any other name,  
7 issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of  
8 the cardholder in obtaining money, goods, services or  
9 anything else of value on credit which is accepted by  
10 over one hundred retail locations;

11 6. Offer or furnish any prize, premium, gift or similar  
12 inducement to a consumer in connection with the sale of alcoholic  
13 beverages, except that goods or merchandise included by the  
14 manufacturer in packaging with alcoholic beverages or for packaging  
15 with alcoholic beverages shall not be included in this prohibition,  
16 but no wholesaler or retailer shall sell any alcoholic beverage  
17 prepackaged with other goods or merchandise at a price which is  
18 greater than the price at which the alcoholic beverage alone is  
19 sold; or

20 7. Pay for alcoholic beverages by a check or draft which is  
21 dishonored by the drawee when presented to such drawee for payment;  
22 and the ABLE Commission may cancel or suspend the license of any  
23 retailer who has given a check or draft, as maker or endorser, which  
24 is so dishonored upon presentation.

1 B. No retail spirits licensee shall permit any person under  
2 twenty-one (21) years of age to enter into or remain within or about  
3 the licensed premises unless accompanied by the person's parent or  
4 legal guardian; provided, however, this restriction shall not apply  
5 to an employee of a licensed beer distributor or wine and spirits  
6 wholesaler who:

7 1. Is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

8 2. Is accompanied by a coworker at least twenty-one (21) years  
9 of age; and

10 3. Enters for the sole purpose of merchandising or delivering  
11 product to the licensee in the normal course of business.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 6-105, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 6-105. No mixed beverage, public event, special event  
15 or on-premises beer and wine licensee shall:

16 1. Purchase or receive any alcoholic beverage other than from a  
17 person holding a wine and spirit wholesaler or beer distributor  
18 license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control  
19 Act; provided, a mixed beverage or on-premises beer and wine  
20 licensee whose premises are a restaurant may purchase wine produced  
21 at wineries in this state directly from a winemaker as provided in  
22 Section 2 of Article XXVIII A of the Oklahoma Constitution;

1       2. Transport alcoholic beverages from the place of purchase to  
2 the licensed premises unless the licensee also holds a private  
3 carrier license issued by the ABLE Commission;

4       3. Use or allow the use of any mark or label on a container of  
5 alcoholic beverage which is kept for sale which does not clearly and  
6 precisely indicate the nature of the contents or which might deceive  
7 or conceal the nature, composition, quantity, age or quality of such  
8 beverage;

9       4. Keep or knowingly permit any alcoholic beverage to be kept,  
10 brought or consumed on the licensed premises which is not allowed to  
11 be sold or served upon such premises; or

12       5. Allow any person under twenty-one (21) years of age to enter  
13 into, remain within or loiter about the designated bar area of the  
14 licensed premises, except for persons who incidentally pass through  
15 the designated area.

16       The prohibition in this subsection against persons under twenty-  
17 one (21) years of age entering or remaining within the designated  
18 bar area of the licensed premises shall not apply:

- 19           a. if the licensed premises are closed to the public  
20               during a time the premises are legally permitted to be  
21               open for business and the premises are used for a  
22               private party at which alcoholic beverages may be  
23               served to persons twenty-one (21) years of age or  
24               older. Any alcoholic beverages served at a private

1 party on the licensed premises may be purchased from  
2 the licensee at a negotiated price or purchased  
3 privately and served at the private party on the  
4 licensed premises. Any licensee who desires to  
5 conduct such a private party shall notify the ABLE  
6 Commission, in writing, at least ten (10) calendar  
7 days prior to the private party. The notification  
8 shall include the date, time and purpose of the  
9 private party and any other information the ABLE  
10 Commission may deem necessary, ~~or~~

11 b. to a designated bar area which is a ~~concessions~~  
12 concession stand serving beer and wine, in addition to  
13 food and non-alcoholic beverages, which concession  
14 stand is located at, in, or on the premises of a  
15 sports, music or entertainment venue, convention  
16 center, fairgrounds or similar facility, or

17 c. to an employee of a beer distributor or wine and  
18 spirits wholesaler who is at least eighteen (18) years  
19 of age and enters for the purpose of merchandising or  
20 delivering product to the licensee in the normal  
21 course of business.

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 6-114, is  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 6-114. A. 1. If the premises of a licensee of the  
2 ABLE Commission contains a separate or enclosed lounge or bar area,  
3 which has as its main purpose the sale or distribution of alcoholic  
4 beverages for on-premises consumption, notwithstanding that as an  
5 incidental service, meals or short order foods are made available  
6 therein, no person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be  
7 admitted to such area, except for members of a musical band employed  
8 or hired as provided in paragraph 2 of Section ~~142 of this act~~ 6-102  
9 of this title when the band is to perform within such area,  
10 employees of a beer distributor or wine and spirits wholesaler who  
11 are at least eighteen (18) years of age and enter for the purpose of  
12 merchandising or delivering product to the licensee in the normal  
13 course of business, or persons under twenty-one (21) years of age  
14 who are on the licensed premises for the limited purpose of  
15 performing maintenance, construction, remodeling, painting or other  
16 similar services relating to the building or equipment installation,  
17 repair or maintenance on the premises during those hours when the  
18 licensed establishment is closed for business. The provisions of  
19 this section shall not prohibit persons under twenty-one (21) years  
20 of age from being admitted to an area which has as its main purpose  
21 some objective other than the sale or mixing or serving of alcoholic  
22 beverages, in which sales or serving of alcoholic beverages are  
23 incidental to the main purpose, as long as the persons under twenty-  
24 one (21) years of age are not sold or served alcoholic beverages.

1 The incidental service of food in the bar area shall not exempt a  
2 licensee from the provisions of this section. The ABLE Commission  
3 shall have the authority to designate the portions of the premises  
4 of a licensee where persons under twenty-one (21) years of age shall  
5 not be admitted pursuant to this section. When determining a  
6 licensee's main purpose, a licensee that operates a full kitchen,  
7 sells food items from a full menu, and has thirty-five percent (35%)  
8 or more of its monthly gross sales attributable to food items, shall  
9 have as its main purpose other than the sale of alcoholic beverages.  
10 The main purpose of those mixed beverage establishments whose main  
11 purpose was other than the sale of alcoholic beverages prior to  
12 October 1, 2018, shall not automatically lose that designation upon  
13 the elimination of low-point beer in the state. If the ABLE  
14 Commission wishes to change ~~said~~ the mixed beverage establishments'  
15 main purpose designation, it shall be the burden of the ABLE  
16 Commission to prove by clear and convincing evidence that ~~said~~ the  
17 mixed beverage establishments no longer qualify for that  
18 designation.

19 2. A new licensee that claims as its main purpose some  
20 objective other than the sale of alcoholic beverages may be granted  
21 a separate or enclosed lounge or bar area for a period of ninety  
22 (90) days. At the end of that ninety-day period, the licensee shall  
23 have the burden of showing that the business continues to qualify  
24 for a separate or enclosed bar area. If the licensee fails to



1 satisfy this burden, then that licensee's main purpose shall  
2 automatically convert to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

3 B. Except as otherwise provided, an admission charge shall not  
4 be considered in any calculation designed to determine the main  
5 purpose of an establishment pursuant to subsection A of this  
6 section. As used in this section, "admission charge" means any form  
7 of consideration received by an establishment from a person in order  
8 for that person to gain entrance into the establishment.

9 C. The provisions of subsection B of this section shall not  
10 apply:

11 1. If only persons eighteen (18) years of age or older are  
12 permitted to enter the licensed premises; provided, if the licensee  
13 is claiming an exception from the requirements of subsection B of  
14 this section pursuant to this paragraph and fails to restrict the  
15 entry by persons under age eighteen (18) into the licensed premises,  
16 the ABLE Commission shall designate that only persons twenty-one  
17 (21) years of age or older are allowed on the licensed premises;

18 2. If the licensed premises are owned or operated by a service  
19 organization or fraternal establishment which is exempt under  
20 Section 501(c)(19), (8), or (10) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

21 3. To a public event held in a facility owned or operated by  
22 any agency, political subdivision or public trust of this state.

23 D. The ABLE Commission shall promulgate rules necessary to  
24 implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2022.

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of Representatives