

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1526

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to alcoholic beverage licenses; amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-156, which relates to restrictions on licenses and ownership interest in package stores; updating statutory language; allowing certain partnership to hold certain license in certain counties; allowing conversion of certain license with certain notification; requiring certain disclosures; construing provisions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-156, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-156. A. No retail spirits license shall be issued to a corporation, limited liability company or similar business entity. No person may own any interest in more than two package stores; provided, a spouse of a retail spirits license holder may hold a separate interest in up to two ~~(2)~~ package stores. For the purpose only of establishing whether or not a person owns an interest in

1 more than one package store, any person having a beneficial interest
2 in any package store shall be deemed to be a partner in the package
3 store except that the spouse of any retail spirits license holder or
4 partner shall not be deemed to be a partner or have a beneficial
5 interest in a package store unless his or her name appears on the
6 license. A beneficial interest shall be any interest that benefits
7 from any sales or profits of the package store.

8 B. For purposes of this section, any spouse of a retail spirits
9 license holder shall not hold another license provided for pursuant
10 to the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, except a retail wine
11 license, retail beer license, on-premises beer and wine license,
12 mixed beverage license, a caterer's license or a retail spirits
13 license.

14 C. Package stores licensed under the Oklahoma Alcoholic
15 Beverage Control Act may sell only alcoholic beverages in retail
16 containers as defined in Section 1-103 of this title, in the
17 original package for consumption off the premises; provided, that
18 package stores licensed under the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage
19 Control Act that are also mixed beverage licensees shall not be
20 prohibited from the exercise of the authorities granted to them by
21 Section 2-110 of this title. All retail sales shall be made on the
22 licensed premises and all deliveries off the premises, at retail, of
23 intoxicating liquor or beer are hereby prohibited. Provided, a
24 holder of a ~~Retail Spirits License~~ retail spirits license shall be

1 permitted to sell at retail any item that may be purchased at a
2 grocery store or convenience store, as defined by law, except for
3 motor fuel, so long as the sale of items other than alcoholic
4 beverages ~~do~~ does not comprise more than twenty percent (20%) of the
5 holder's monthly sales.

6 D. In counties with a population of seventy thousand (70,000)
7 or more according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, a limited
8 partnership or a limited liability partnership may hold a retail
9 spirits license. If an existing retail spirits licensee is
10 organized as a limited partnership, the licensee may convert to a
11 limited liability partnership at any time without the need to
12 reapply for a license or suspend business operations, as long as the
13 licensee notifies the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission
14 of the conversion within ninety (90) days of the conversion. Each
15 partner of a limited partnership or a limited liability partnership
16 shall be fully disclosed to the Commission and shall be a natural
17 person. Any changes to the partnership shall be disclosed to the
18 Commission within five (5) business days.

19 E. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit a
20 limited partnership or a limited liability partnership holding a
21 retail spirits license to be owned by a corporation, limited
22 liability company, or other partnership authorized under the laws of
23 this state.

1 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any
2 person to hold an interest in more than one package store.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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