

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL 2178

By: Howard

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to alcoholic beverage licenses;  
9 amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-115, which relates  
10 to special event licenses; requiring certain  
applicant to hold certain liability insurance;  
requiring certain individual to ensure licensure of  
certain event; updating statutory language; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 2-115, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-115. A. A special event license may be issued to an  
19 organization, association, or nonprofit corporation organized for  
20 political, fraternal, charitable, religious, or social purposes.  
21 The holder of a special event license is authorized to sell and  
22 distribute alcoholic ~~beverage~~ beverages on the premises for which  
23 the license is issued.

1       B. The ABLE Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE)

2       Commission shall promulgate rules governing the application for and  
3       the issuance of special event licenses. Such application shall  
4       require the applicant to hold general liability insurance, including  
5       liquor liability coverage, in an amount not less than One Million  
6       Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars  
7       (\$2,000,000.00) aggregate.

8       C. The restrictions and rules which apply to the sale of mixed  
9       beverages on the premises of a mixed beverage licensee also apply to  
10       the sale of such beverages under the authority of a special event  
11       license. Any act which if done on the premises of a mixed beverage  
12       licensee would be a ground for revocation or suspension of the mixed  
13       beverage license is a ground for revocation or suspension of a  
14       special event license.

15       D. No special event license may be issued for any premises  
16       already licensed by the ABLE Commission.

17       E. No special event license shall be required for an  
18       organization, association, or nonprofit corporation which is an  
19       economic development chamber or similar entity, provided the event  
20       is not conducted primarily for fundraising purposes, and provided  
21       the services of a licensed caterer are used to provide and  
22       distribute the alcoholic beverages at the event.

1       F. An individual holding an employee license who is serving any  
2       alcoholic beverage at a special event shall ensure that such event  
3       has been properly licensed.

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

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