

2023 AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS LIQUOR LAWS

The 2023 Legislature passed the following bill amending the Liquor Control Act, the Club and Drinking Establishment Act and the Cereal Malt Beverage Act.

House Bill 2059 – Effective upon publication in the Kansas Register May 4, 2023 unless specified below. The full text of the bill may be viewed at [HB 2059](#).

Microbreweries, Food Establishments and Dogs

Dogs are now permitted to be present in outside areas of microbreweries (as defined in K.S.A. 41-102) and food establishments (as defined in K.S.A. 65-656), subject to several sanitation and control guidelines. If the business is a microbrewery, dogs are also permitted in indoor areas (other than food or drink preparation areas) subject to those same guidelines.

Charitable Raffles

Effective July 1, 2023, alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage may be offered as a prize provided the charitable raffle is conducted in accordance with K.S.A 75-5171. The recipient of the prize must be at least 21 years of age.

Distributors

Amends existing law for spirits, wine, and beer distributors to parallel federal law for providing samples to licensees. Samples may be offered to the licensee or their employees for products not purchased by the licensee in the previous 12 months. Sample size maximum: 3 liters of distilled spirits or wine, and three gallons per brand of beer or cereal malt beverage.

Note: K.A.R. 14-14-6a conflicts with this new law. As a result, the ABC will not enforce K.A.R. 14-14-6a(a)(b)(c) and will begin the process to revoke the conflicting regulations.

Special Order Shippers

Effective July 1, 2023, all out-of-state special order shippers must electronically file their sales reports and pay gallonage tax monthly.

Common Consumption Areas

Effective July 1, 2023, allows cities/counties the option to keep streets open to vehicle traffic during events. Requires appropriate signs conspicuously posted to identify the boundaries of such area in a size and manner that provides notice to persons entering or leaving the area.

Cereal Malt Beverage On-Premises Retailers

Removes the requirement for at least 30% of Sunday sales to be food sales.

Additional Information

Contact information for your licensing representative or local enforcement agent may be found on our website at <https://www.ksrevenue.gov/abccontact.html>

ABC handbooks for licensees are currently being updated. Please check our website for an updated version at <https://www.ksrevenue.gov/abchandbooks.html>

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