

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 155

By: Coleman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending 37A O.S. 2021, Section 6-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 82, O.S.L. 2022 (37A O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6-103), which relates to prohibited acts of retail spirits licensees; allowing for licensed premises to operate a specified distance outside of city limits; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 37A O.S. 2021, Section 6-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 82, O.S.L. 2022 (37A O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 6-103), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

2. Suffer or permit any retail container to be opened, or any alcoholic beverage to be consumed on the licensed premises, except when serving samples as authorized by Section 2-109 of this title or otherwise permitted by law; provided, the licensee shall not permit

1 any alcoholic beverage content or retail container unsealed in
2 connection with sampling authorized by Section 2-109 of this title
3 to remain on the licensed premises at the close of business on that
4 day, excluding spirits;

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

16 4. Sell spirits in a city or town, unless such city or town has
17 a population in excess of two hundred (200) according to the latest
18 Federal Decennial Census, or the licensee operates within two (2)
19 miles of the city limits of a city or town with a population in
20 excess of twenty thousand (20,000) according to the latest Federal
21 Decennial Census;

22 5. Sell any alcoholic beverage on credit; provided, that
23 acceptance by a licensee of a cash or debit card or a nationally
24 recognized credit card in lieu of actual cash payment does not
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1 constitute the extension of credit; provided, further, as used in
2 this section:

3 a. "cash or debit card" means any instrument or device
4 whether known as a debit card or by any other name,
5 issued with or without fee by an issuer for the use of
6 the cardholder in depositing, obtaining or
7 transferring funds from a consumer banking electronic
8 facility, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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