



## Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

### State information: Alabama

#### **General Regulations**

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 19 & 20 year olds may serve alcohol in an establishment holding a retail restaurant license, provided that the licensee is annually certified in the Responsible Vendor Program

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08; Under 21: .02

Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: No established limit but amount of alcohol in each drink must be posted

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: There is no limit as long as full price is paid

#### **Server Training**

Alabama offers a state program called the Responsible Vendor Program which is voluntary for licensees. It costs \$35.00 per license, per year. Through this program, licensees can complete an approved independent program and become registered with the state as a Responsible Vendor. Participation is voluntary, but suggested. The cost and length of time required for the training vary.

#### **Acceptable Forms of ID**

Any Valid State Driver's License

Military ID

Valid Passport

Valid State ID card with photo and birth date

#### **Recommended Age for Carding**

Anyone who appears to be underage

#### **ID Confiscation**

Alabama law does not authorize licensees to confiscate false IDs. However, some establishments have chosen to take this step. Any seized ID should be turned over to the local police department or Alabama ABC immediately.

#### **Policies Regarding Minors**

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors are permitted in any establishment except for those holding only a lounge license. Minors are never under any circumstances allowed to legally consume or possess alcohol in the state of Alabama.

#### **Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine**

Not regulated in wet counties. "Sale" is prohibited in dry counties.

#### **Liquor Liability**

It is unlawful for any person, licensee, or the board, either directly or by the servants, agents, or employees of the same, or for any servant, agent, or employee of the same,



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to sell, deliver, furnish, or give away alcoholic beverages to any person under the legal drinking age, or to permit a minor to drink, consume, or possess any alcoholic beverages on any licensee's premises. Any violation of this provision shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 to which, at the discretion of the court or judge trying the case, may be added imprisonment in the county jail or at hard labor for the county for not more than six months for the first conviction. Dram Shop Liability is predicated upon an unlawful act (e.g., sale to a minor) resulting in subsequent injury or death. Liability is absolute. The Hearing Commission may fine, suspend or revoke a liquor license.

#### **Statute of Limitations**

The Statute of Limitations in liquor liability incidents is two years.

#### **State Contact Information**

Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
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