



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Illinois

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21

Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18, unless regulated differently by local ordinance

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08

Limit for Driving While Intoxicated, under 21: Zero tolerance

Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes

Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

Number of Drinks Served at One Time: One

Server Training

The signing of Public Act 99-0046 on July 15, 2015 requires on-premise servers (and those checking IDs for alcohol service) to successfully complete Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Education & Training (BASSET).

Acceptable Forms of ID

Valid State Driver's License

Valid Military ID

Valid U.S. Passport

Valid State-issued ID Card

Recommended Age for Carding

21. Mandatory.

ID Confiscation

State laws do not specifically require retailers to confiscate IDs.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Admittance into establishments that serve alcohol depends on local ordinances. The Illinois Liquor Control Act contains additional provisions regarding persons under 21 and the service, sale, and consumption of alcohol on and off licensed premises. Minors are allowed to consume alcohol in the presence of their parents or legal guardian in the privacy of their home. (Refer to ILCS 5/6-20)

Happy Hour Laws

Licensees may offer discounted drinks for up to 4 hours per day, but not more than 15 hours per week. Must give notice of the discount on premises or on website 7 days prior. No drink promotions between the hours of 10:00 PM and closing hour. Drink limits are required unless part of a meal package, party package or private function. (Public Act 99-0046)

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

Not regulated



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Liquor Liability

Licensees can be held liable in a civil action for injuries and damages caused by intoxicated persons under the dram shop provisions of the Liquor Control Act and are subject to dollar limitations. Criminal penalties may be imposed for selling, serving or delivering alcohol beverages to persons under the age of 21. Licensees may also face license suspension, revocation and fines imposed by state and local authorities for violations.

Statute of Limitations

Under the Illinois Dram Shop Act, you have one year for a civil suit.

State Contact Information

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