



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Mississippi

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated: .08
Limit for Driving While Intoxicated, under 21: .02
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated
Number of Drinks Served at One Time: Not regulated

Server Training

Mississippi does not currently regulate server training. There are no server training programs offered through the state. However, a one-hour education program on ABC laws is offered free of charge by ABC Enforcement Agents.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Any State Driver's License
Military ID
Any Government-Issued Photo ID

Recommended Age for Carding

None

ID Confiscation

Mississippi does not provide for licensees confiscating IDs; licensees should report violations to the police.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. There are no policies restricting admittance of minors to establishments that sell or serve alcohol. It is legal for underage people between the ages of 18-20 to consume beer and light wine if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Alcohol Liability

Licensees are responsible for the actions of their employees. Licenses are suspended or revoked by the Tax Commission. Civil hearings are independent of any criminal actions. The ABC's most common violation is for selling to minors (a misdemeanor with a criminal fine of up to \$1,000 for the first offense). Licensees' sales are commonly suspended for two weeks and are placed on one-year probation for this violation. Statutory offenses are generally misdemeanors and carry a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail. Many serious statutory offenses carry permit revocation as a penalty.

Additional Information - The state of Mississippi is legally dry. The sale and consumption of alcohol beverages is legal only in those counties where the local option ABC laws have been adopted by referendum. About half of the counties in the state have



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adopted these laws. The ABC is the sole wholesaler of alcohol beverages; retail businesses are privately owned but licensed and regulated by the Tax Commission's ABC.

State Contact Information

Alcoholic Beverages Control Division, Madison, MS

601-856-1301

<https://www.dor.ms.gov/abc>

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