



Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management

State information: Tennessee

General Regulations

Legal age to Consume Alcohol: 21
Legal age to Serve Alcohol: 18
Limit for Driving Under the Influence: .08
Dram Shop Liability Laws: Yes
Maximum Alcohol per Drink: Not regulated

Server Training

Tennessee passed a law regulating server training for all on-premise establishments in May 1995. The law went into effect in July 1996. The law does not apply to beer-only establishments. They are regulated by county beer boards. Employees in establishments regulated by beer boards are not required to have state server permits.

Acceptable Forms of ID

Not regulated by state.

Recommended Age for Carding

None

ID Confiscation

Tennessee law does not allow licensees to confiscate false IDs. Licensees who recognize an ID as false should contact a TABC agent or the local police.

Policies Regarding Minors

It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Admittance to establishments that serve alcohol is a decision left up to the establishment. However, if an establishment limits access only to those 21 or older, the policy must be uniformly enforced.

Non-Alcoholic Beer and Wine

The TABC does not regulate beer (alcohol or non-alcoholic) in beer-only establishments. Beer is regulated by local beer boards and ordinances (alcohol or non-alcoholic). The TABC regulates wine and liquor, but non-alcoholic wine does not follow under their jurisdiction.

Liquor Liability

The following violations can result in a fine of up to \$1,500 per violation and/or suspension or revocation of license:

- sale to a minor
- sale to someone who is obviously intoxicated
- employing people under the age of 18 to dispense alcohol.

Suspension and revocation of licenses are also possible penalties for violations of the liquor laws. Both monetary fines and civil penalties will depend on the severity of misconduct and/or number of offenses.



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State Contact Information

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