

AN ACT in relation to alcohol.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
adding Section 6-32 as follows:

(235 ILCS 5/6-32 new)

Sec. 6-32. Safety provisions.

(a) A retailers on premise consumption licensee may not permit the use of any pyrotechnic device within its licensed premises without the prior authorization of the Illinois State Fire Marshal. A retailers on premise consumption licensee, or any agent or employee of that licensee, may not use mace, pepper spray, or any other toxic air-released compound within its licensed premises. Violation of this subsection (a) by any licensee or any employee or agent of a licensee is a Class 4 felony.

(b) No person may impede any person who is attempting to exit the premises of a retailers on premise consumption licensee due to an emergency that constitutes a threat to the health or safety of persons within the licensed premises. For the purpose of this Section, the term "impede a person who is attempting to exit" includes physically restraining the person or blocking or locking an exit while the licensed premises is open to the public. Violation of this subsection (b) is a Class 4 felony.

(c) A retailers on premise consumption licensee with an authorized capacity (i) of at least 250 persons, (ii) set by the State Fire Marshal, or (iii) set by local ordinance, whichever is lowest, must place a panic bar on each exit of its licensed premises. A retailers on premise consumption licensee with an authorized capacity of at least 500 persons

that conducts live entertainment within its licensed premises must, before the commencement of the live entertainment, make an announcement to the patrons of the licensed premises that generally informs those patrons of the locations of exits and fire escapes at the licensed premises.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.