

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

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

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-12 and by adding Section 6-27.1 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/3-12)

7 Sec. 3-12. Powers and duties of State Commission.

8 (a) The State commission shall have the following powers,  
9 functions and duties:

10 (1) To receive applications and to issue licenses to  
11 manufacturers, foreign importers, importing distributors,  
12 distributors, non-resident dealers, on premise consumption  
13 retailers, off premise sale retailers, special event  
14 retailer licensees, special use permit licenses, auction  
15 liquor licenses, brew pubs, caterer retailers,  
16 non-beverage users, railroads, including owners and  
17 lessees of sleeping, dining and cafe cars, airplanes,  
18 boats, brokers, and wine maker's premises licensees in  
19 accordance with the provisions of this Act, and to suspend  
20 or revoke such licenses upon the State commission's  
21 determination, upon notice after hearing, that a licensee  
22 has violated any provision of this Act or any rule or  
23 regulation issued pursuant thereto and in effect for 30

1 days prior to such violation. Except in the case of an  
2 action taken pursuant to a violation of Section 6-3, 6-5,  
3 or 6-9, any action by the State Commission to suspend or  
4 revoke a licensee's license may be limited to the license  
5 for the specific premises where the violation occurred.

6 In lieu of suspending or revoking a license, the  
7 commission may impose a fine, upon the State commission's  
8 determination and notice after hearing, that a licensee has  
9 violated any provision of this Act or any rule or  
10 regulation issued pursuant thereto and in effect for 30  
11 days prior to such violation. The fine imposed under this  
12 paragraph may not exceed \$500 for each violation. Each day  
13 that the activity, which gave rise to the original fine,  
14 continues is a separate violation. The maximum fine that  
15 may be levied against any licensee, for the period of the  
16 license, shall not exceed \$20,000. The maximum penalty that  
17 may be imposed on a licensee for selling a bottle of  
18 alcoholic liquor with a foreign object in it or serving  
19 from a bottle of alcoholic liquor with a foreign object in  
20 it shall be the destruction of that bottle of alcoholic  
21 liquor for the first 10 bottles so sold or served from by  
22 the licensee. For the eleventh bottle of alcoholic liquor  
23 and for each third bottle thereafter sold or served from by  
24 the licensee with a foreign object in it, the maximum  
25 penalty that may be imposed on the licensee is the  
26 destruction of the bottle of alcoholic liquor and a fine of

1 up to \$50.

2 (2) To adopt such rules and regulations consistent with  
3 the provisions of this Act which shall be necessary to  
4 carry on its functions and duties to the end that the  
5 health, safety and welfare of the People of the State of  
6 Illinois shall be protected and temperance in the  
7 consumption of alcoholic liquors shall be fostered and  
8 promoted and to distribute copies of such rules and  
9 regulations to all licensees affected thereby.

10 (3) To call upon other administrative departments of  
11 the State, county and municipal governments, county and  
12 city police departments and upon prosecuting officers for  
13 such information and assistance as it deems necessary in  
14 the performance of its duties.

15 (4) To recommend to local commissioners rules and  
16 regulations, not inconsistent with the law, for the  
17 distribution and sale of alcoholic liquors throughout the  
18 State.

19 (5) To inspect, or cause to be inspected, any premises  
20 in this State where alcoholic liquors are manufactured,  
21 distributed, warehoused, or sold.

22 (5.1) Upon receipt of a complaint or upon having  
23 knowledge that any person is engaged in business as a  
24 manufacturer, importing distributor, distributor, or  
25 retailer without a license or valid license, to notify the  
26 local liquor authority, file a complaint with the State's

1 Attorney's Office of the county where the incident  
2 occurred, or initiate an investigation with the  
3 appropriate law enforcement officials.

4 (5.2) To issue a cease and desist notice to persons  
5 shipping alcoholic liquor into this State from a point  
6 outside of this State if the shipment is in violation of  
7 this Act.

8 (5.3) To receive complaints from licensees, local  
9 officials, law enforcement agencies, organizations, and  
10 persons stating that any licensee has been or is violating  
11 any provision of this Act or the rules and regulations  
12 issued pursuant to this Act. Such complaints shall be in  
13 writing, signed and sworn to by the person making the  
14 complaint, and shall state with specificity the facts in  
15 relation to the alleged violation. If the Commission has  
16 reasonable grounds to believe that the complaint  
17 substantially alleges a violation of this Act or rules and  
18 regulations adopted pursuant to this Act, it shall conduct  
19 an investigation. If, after conducting an investigation,  
20 the Commission is satisfied that the alleged violation did  
21 occur, it shall proceed with disciplinary action against  
22 the licensee as provided in this Act.

23 (6) To hear and determine appeals from orders of a  
24 local commission in accordance with the provisions of this  
25 Act, as hereinafter set forth. Hearings under this  
26 subsection shall be held in Springfield or Chicago, at

1           whichever location is the more convenient for the majority  
2           of persons who are parties to the hearing.

3           (7) The commission shall establish uniform systems of  
4           accounts to be kept by all retail licensees having more  
5           than 4 employees, and for this purpose the commission may  
6           classify all retail licensees having more than 4 employees  
7           and establish a uniform system of accounts for each class  
8           and prescribe the manner in which such accounts shall be  
9           kept. The commission may also prescribe the forms of  
10          accounts to be kept by all retail licensees having more  
11          than 4 employees, including but not limited to accounts of  
12          earnings and expenses and any distribution, payment, or  
13          other distribution of earnings or assets, and any other  
14          forms, records and memoranda which in the judgment of the  
15          commission may be necessary or appropriate to carry out any  
16          of the provisions of this Act, including but not limited to  
17          such forms, records and memoranda as will readily and  
18          accurately disclose at all times the beneficial ownership  
19          of such retail licensed business. The accounts, forms,  
20          records and memoranda shall be available at all reasonable  
21          times for inspection by authorized representatives of the  
22          State commission or by any local liquor control  
23          commissioner or his or her authorized representative. The  
24          commission, may, from time to time, alter, amend or repeal,  
25          in whole or in part, any uniform system of accounts, or the  
26          form and manner of keeping accounts.

1           (8) In the conduct of any hearing authorized to be held  
2           by the commission, to appoint, at the commission's  
3           discretion, hearing officers to conduct hearings involving  
4           complex issues or issues that will require a protracted  
5           period of time to resolve, to examine, or cause to be  
6           examined, under oath, any licensee, and to examine or cause  
7           to be examined the books and records of such licensee; to  
8           hear testimony and take proof material for its information  
9           in the discharge of its duties hereunder; to administer or  
10          cause to be administered oaths; for any such purpose to  
11          issue subpoena or subpoenas to require the attendance of  
12          witnesses and the production of books, which shall be  
13          effective in any part of this State, and to adopt rules to  
14          implement its powers under this paragraph (8).

15           Any Circuit Court may by order duly entered, require  
16          the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant  
17          books subpoenaed by the State commission and the court may  
18          compel obedience to its order by proceedings for contempt.

19           (9) To investigate the administration of laws in  
20          relation to alcoholic liquors in this and other states and  
21          any foreign countries, and to recommend from time to time  
22          to the Governor and through him or her to the legislature  
23          of this State, such amendments to this Act, if any, as it  
24          may think desirable and as will serve to further the  
25          general broad purposes contained in Section 1-2 hereof.

26           (10) To adopt such rules and regulations consistent

1 with the provisions of this Act which shall be necessary  
2 for the control, sale or disposition of alcoholic liquor  
3 damaged as a result of an accident, wreck, flood, fire or  
4 other similar occurrence.

5 (11) To develop industry educational programs related  
6 to responsible serving and selling, particularly in the  
7 areas of overserving consumers and illegal underage  
8 purchasing and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

9 (11.1) To license persons providing education and  
10 training to alcohol beverage sellers and servers for  
11 mandatory and non-mandatory training under the Beverage  
12 Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training  
13 (BASSET) programs and to develop and administer a public  
14 awareness program in Illinois to reduce or eliminate the  
15 illegal purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverage  
16 products by persons under the age of 21. Application for a  
17 license shall be made on forms provided by the State  
18 Commission.

19 (12) To develop and maintain a repository of license  
20 and regulatory information.

21 (13) On or before January 15, 1994, the Commission  
22 shall issue a written report to the Governor and General  
23 Assembly that is to be based on a comprehensive study of  
24 the impact on and implications for the State of Illinois of  
25 Section 1926 of the Federal ADAMHA Reorganization Act of  
26 1992 (Public Law 102-321). This study shall address the

1 extent to which Illinois currently complies with the  
2 provisions of P.L. 102-321 and the rules promulgated  
3 pursuant thereto.

4 As part of its report, the Commission shall provide the  
5 following essential information:

6 (i) the number of retail distributors of tobacco  
7 products, by type and geographic area, in the State;

8 (ii) the number of reported citations and  
9 successful convictions, categorized by type and  
10 location of retail distributor, for violation of the  
11 Prevention of Tobacco Use by Minors and Sale and  
12 Distribution of Tobacco Products Act and the Smokeless  
13 Tobacco Limitation Act;

14 (iii) the extent and nature of organized  
15 educational and governmental activities that are  
16 intended to promote, encourage or otherwise secure  
17 compliance with any Illinois laws that prohibit the  
18 sale or distribution of tobacco products to minors; and

19 (iv) the level of access and availability of  
20 tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18.

21 To obtain the data necessary to comply with the  
22 provisions of P.L. 102-321 and the requirements of this  
23 report, the Commission shall conduct random, unannounced  
24 inspections of a geographically and scientifically  
25 representative sample of the State's retail tobacco  
26 distributors.



1           The Commission shall consult with the Department of  
2 Public Health, the Department of Human Services, the  
3 Illinois State Police and any other executive branch  
4 agency, and private organizations that may have  
5 information relevant to this report.

6           The Commission may contract with the Food and Drug  
7 Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
8 Services to conduct unannounced investigations of Illinois  
9 tobacco vendors to determine compliance with federal laws  
10 relating to the illegal sale of cigarettes and smokeless  
11 tobacco products to persons under the age of 18.

12           (14) On or before April 30, 2008 and every 2 years  
13 thereafter, the Commission shall present a written report  
14 to the Governor and the General Assembly that shall be  
15 based on a study of the impact of this amendatory Act of  
16 the 95th General Assembly on the business of soliciting,  
17 selling, and shipping wine from inside and outside of this  
18 State directly to residents of this State. As part of its  
19 report, the Commission shall provide all of the following  
20 information:

21           (A) The amount of State excise and sales tax  
22 revenues generated.

23           (B) The amount of licensing fees received.

24           (C) The number of cases of wine shipped from inside  
25 and outside of this State directly to residents of this  
26 State.

1           (D) The number of alcohol compliance operations  
2           conducted.

3           (E) The number of winery shipper's licenses  
4           issued.

5           (F) The number of each of the following: reported  
6           violations; cease and desist notices issued by the  
7           Commission; notices of violations issued by the  
8           Commission and to the Department of Revenue; and  
9           notices and complaints of violations to law  
10          enforcement officials, including, without limitation,  
11          the Illinois Attorney General and the U.S. Department  
12          of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

13          (15) As a means to reduce the underage consumption of  
14          alcoholic liquors, the Commission shall conduct alcohol  
15          compliance operations to investigate whether businesses  
16          that are soliciting, selling, and shipping wine from inside  
17          or outside of this State directly to residents of this  
18          State are licensed by this State or are selling or  
19          attempting to sell wine to persons under 21 years of age in  
20          violation of this Act.

21          (16) The Commission shall, in addition to notifying any  
22          appropriate law enforcement agency, submit notices of  
23          complaints or violations of Sections 6-29 and 6-29.1 by  
24          persons who do not hold a winery shipper's license under  
25          this amendatory Act to the Illinois Attorney General and to  
26          the U.S. Department of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax

1 and Trade Bureau.

2 (17) (A) A person licensed to make wine under the laws  
3 of another state who has a winery shipper's license under  
4 this amendatory Act and annually produces less than 25,000  
5 gallons of wine or a person who has a first-class or  
6 second-class wine manufacturer's license, a first-class or  
7 second-class wine-maker's license, or a limited wine  
8 manufacturer's license under this Act and annually  
9 produces less than 25,000 gallons of wine may make  
10 application to the Commission for a self-distribution  
11 exemption to allow the sale of not more than 5,000 gallons  
12 of the exemption holder's wine to retail licensees per  
13 year.

14 (B) In the application, which shall be sworn under  
15 penalty of perjury, such person shall state (1) the  
16 date it was established; (2) its volume of production  
17 and sales for each year since its establishment; (3)  
18 its efforts to establish distributor relationships;  
19 (4) that a self-distribution exemption is necessary to  
20 facilitate the marketing of its wine; and (5) that it  
21 will comply with the liquor and revenue laws of the  
22 United States, this State, and any other state where it  
23 is licensed.

24 (C) The Commission shall approve the application  
25 for a self-distribution exemption if such person: (1)  
26 is in compliance with State revenue and liquor laws;

1           (2) is not a member of any affiliated group that  
2 produces more than 25,000 gallons of wine per annum or  
3 produces any other alcoholic liquor; (3) will not  
4 annually produce for sale more than 25,000 gallons of  
5 wine; and (4) will not annually sell more than 5,000  
6 gallons of its wine to retail licensees.

7           (D) A self-distribution exemption holder shall  
8 annually certify to the Commission its production of  
9 wine in the previous 12 months and its anticipated  
10 production and sales for the next 12 months. The  
11 Commission may fine, suspend, or revoke a  
12 self-distribution exemption after a hearing if it  
13 finds that the exemption holder has made a material  
14 misrepresentation in its application, violated a  
15 revenue or liquor law of Illinois, exceeded production  
16 of 25,000 gallons of wine in any calendar year, or  
17 become part of an affiliated group producing more than  
18 25,000 gallons of wine or any other alcoholic liquor.

19           (E) Except in hearings for violations of this Act  
20 or amendatory Act or a bona fide investigation by duly  
21 sworn law enforcement officials, the Commission, or  
22 its agents, the Commission shall maintain the  
23 production and sales information of a  
24 self-distribution exemption holder as confidential and  
25 shall not release such information to any person.

26           (F) The Commission shall issue regulations

1 governing self-distribution exemptions consistent with  
2 this Section and this Act.

3 (G) Nothing in this subsection (17) shall prohibit  
4 a self-distribution exemption holder from entering  
5 into or simultaneously having a distribution agreement  
6 with a licensed Illinois distributor.

7 (H) It is the intent of this subsection (17) to  
8 promote and continue orderly markets. The General  
9 Assembly finds that in order to preserve Illinois'  
10 regulatory distribution system it is necessary to  
11 create an exception for smaller makers of wine as their  
12 wines are frequently adjusted in varietals, mixes,  
13 vintages, and taste to find and create market niches  
14 sometimes too small for distributor or importing  
15 distributor business strategies. Limited  
16 self-distribution rights will afford and allow smaller  
17 makers of wine access to the marketplace in order to  
18 develop a customer base without impairing the  
19 integrity of the 3-tier system.

20 (18) (A) A craft brewer licensee, who must also be  
21 either a licensed brewer or licensed non-resident dealer  
22 and annually manufacture less than 930,000 gallons of beer,  
23 may make application to the Commission for a  
24 self-distribution exemption to allow the sale of not more  
25 than 232,500 gallons of the exemption holder's beer to  
26 retail licensees per year.

1 (B) In the application, which shall be sworn under  
2 penalty of perjury, the craft brewer licensee shall  
3 state (1) the date it was established; (2) its volume  
4 of beer manufactured and sold for each year since its  
5 establishment; (3) its efforts to establish  
6 distributor relationships; (4) that a  
7 self-distribution exemption is necessary to facilitate  
8 the marketing of its beer; and (5) that it will comply  
9 with the alcoholic beverage and revenue laws of the  
10 United States, this State, and any other state where it  
11 is licensed.

12 (C) Any application submitted shall be posted on  
13 the Commission's website at least 45 days prior to  
14 action by the Commission. The Commission shall approve  
15 the application for a self-distribution exemption if  
16 the craft brewer licensee: (1) is in compliance with  
17 the State, revenue, and alcoholic beverage laws; (2) is  
18 not a member of any affiliated group that manufacturers  
19 more than 930,000 gallons of beer per annum or produces  
20 any other alcoholic beverages; (3) shall not annually  
21 manufacture for sale more than 930,000 gallons of beer;  
22 and (4) shall not annually sell more than 232,500  
23 gallons of its beer to retail licensees.

24 (D) A self-distribution exemption holder shall  
25 annually certify to the Commission its manufacture of  
26 beer during the previous 12 months and its anticipated

1 manufacture and sales of beer for the next 12 months.  
2 The Commission may fine, suspend, or revoke a  
3 self-distribution exemption after a hearing if it  
4 finds that the exemption holder has made a material  
5 misrepresentation in its application, violated a  
6 revenue or alcoholic beverage law of Illinois,  
7 exceeded the manufacture of 930,000 gallons of beer in  
8 any calendar year or became part of an affiliated group  
9 manufacturing more than 930,000 gallons of beer or any  
10 other alcoholic beverage.

11 (E) The Commission shall issue rules and  
12 regulations governing self-distribution exemptions  
13 consistent with this Act.

14 (F) Nothing in this paragraph (18) shall prohibit a  
15 self-distribution exemption holder from entering into  
16 or simultaneously having a distribution agreement with  
17 a licensed Illinois importing distributor or a  
18 distributor. If a self-distribution exemption holder  
19 enters into a distribution agreement and has assigned  
20 distribution rights to an importing distributor or  
21 distributor, then the self-distribution exemption  
22 holder's distribution rights in the assigned  
23 territories shall cease in a reasonable time not to  
24 exceed 60 days.

25 (G) It is the intent of this paragraph (18) to  
26 promote and continue orderly markets. The General

1 Assembly finds that in order to preserve Illinois'  
2 regulatory distribution system, it is necessary to  
3 create an exception for smaller manufacturers in order  
4 to afford and allow such smaller manufacturers of beer  
5 access to the marketplace in order to develop a  
6 customer base without impairing the integrity of the  
7 3-tier system.

8 (b) On or before April 30, 1999, the Commission shall  
9 present a written report to the Governor and the General  
10 Assembly that shall be based on a study of the impact of this  
11 amendatory Act of 1998 on the business of soliciting, selling,  
12 and shipping alcoholic liquor from outside of this State  
13 directly to residents of this State.

14 As part of its report, the Commission shall provide the  
15 following information:

16 (i) the amount of State excise and sales tax revenues  
17 generated as a result of this amendatory Act of 1998;

18 (ii) the amount of licensing fees received as a result  
19 of this amendatory Act of 1998;

20 (iii) the number of reported violations, the number of  
21 cease and desist notices issued by the Commission, the  
22 number of notices of violations issued to the Department of  
23 Revenue, and the number of notices and complaints of  
24 violations to law enforcement officials.

25 (Source: P.A. 97-5, eff. 6-1-11; 98-401, eff. 8-16-13.)



1 (235 ILCS 5/6-27.1 new)

2 Sec. 6-27.1. Responsible alcohol service server training.

3 (a) Unless issued a valid server training certificate  
4 between July 1, 2012 and July 1, 2015 by a certified Beverage  
5 Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET)  
6 trainer, all alcohol servers in Cook County are required to  
7 obtain and complete training in basic responsible alcohol  
8 service as outlined in 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500 by July 1, 2015  
9 or within 120 days after the alcohol server begins his or her  
10 employment, whichever is later. There is no limit to the amount  
11 of times a server may take the training. A certificate of  
12 training belongs to the server, and a server may transfer a  
13 certificate of training to a different employer, but shall not  
14 transfer a certificate of training to another server. Proof  
15 that an alcohol server has been trained must be available upon  
16 reasonable request by State law enforcement officials. For the  
17 purpose of this Section, "alcohol servers" means persons who  
18 sell or serve open containers of alcoholic beverages at retail  
19 and anyone whose job description entails the checking of  
20 identification for the purchase of open containers of alcoholic  
21 beverages at retail or for entry into the licensed premises.  
22 The definition does not include (i) a distributor or importing  
23 distributor conducting product sampling as authorized in  
24 Section 6-31 of this Act or a registered tasting  
25 representative, as provided in 11 Ill. Adm. Code 100.40,  
26 conducting a tasting, as defined in 11 Ill. Adm. Code 100.10;

1 (ii) a volunteer serving alcoholic beverages at a charitable  
2 function; or (iii) an instructor engaged in training or  
3 educating on the proper technique for using a system that  
4 dispenses alcoholic beverages.

5 (b) Responsible alcohol service training must cover and  
6 assess knowledge of the topics noted in 77 Ill. Adm. Code  
7 3500.155.

8 (c) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act  
9 of the 98th General Assembly, but no later than October 1,  
10 2015, all existing BASSET trainers who are already BASSET  
11 certified as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
12 the 98th General Assembly shall be recertified by the State  
13 Commission and be required to comply with the conditions for  
14 server training set forth in this amendatory Act of the 98th  
15 General Assembly.

16 (d) Training modules and certificate program plans must be  
17 approved by the State Commission. All documents, materials, or  
18 information related to responsible alcohol service training  
19 program approval that are submitted to the State Commission are  
20 confidential and shall not be open to public inspection or  
21 dissemination and are exempt from disclosure.

22 The State Commission shall only approve programs that meet  
23 the following criteria:

24 (1) the training course covers the content specified in  
25 77 Ill. Adm. Code 3500.155;

26 (2) if the training course is classroom-based, the

1 classroom training is at least 4 hours, is available in  
2 English and Spanish, and includes a test;

3 (3) if the training course is online or computer-based,  
4 the course is designed in a way that ensures that no  
5 content can be skipped, is interactive, has audio for  
6 content for servers that have a disability, and includes a  
7 test;

8 (4) training and testing is based on a job task  
9 analysis that clearly identifies and focuses on the  
10 knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly  
11 serve alcoholic beverages and is developed using best  
12 practices in instructional design and exam development to  
13 ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

14 (5) training and testing is conducted by any means  
15 available, including, but not limited to, online,  
16 computer, classroom, or live trainers; and

17 (6) the program must provide access on a  
18 24-hour-per-day, 7-days-per-week basis for certificate  
19 verification for State Commission, State law enforcement  
20 officials, and employers to be able to verify certificate  
21 authenticity.

22 (e) Nothing in subsection (d) of this Section shall be  
23 construed to require a program to use a test administrator or  
24 proctor.

25 (f) A certificate issued from a BASSET-licensed training  
26 program shall be accepted as meeting the training requirements

1 for all server license and permit laws and ordinances in the  
2 State.

3 (g) A responsible alcohol service training certificate  
4 from a BASSET-licensed program shall be valid for 3 years.

5 (h) The provisions of this Section shall apply beginning  
6 July 1, 2015. From July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015,  
7 enforcement of the provisions of this Section shall be limited  
8 to education and notification of the requirements to encourage  
9 compliance.

10 (i) The provisions of this Section do not apply to a  
11 special event retailer.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
13 2015.