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Bottle with tamper-evident screw cap



Cocktail-to-go sealable bag



Shrink wrap seal example video

Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division implements new rules for sales of mixed drinks or cocktails to-go

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(ANKENY) - The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) announced today that **administrative rules** to address the filling, sealing and sale of mixed drinks or cocktails to-go have been filed and are now effective. The rules prohibit the sale of mixed drinks or cocktails to-go in paper or Styrofoam cups, or plastic cups that are intended for one-time use. Lids with straw holes or sipping holes are also prohibited from being used. Containers of mixed drinks or cocktails to-go must also bear a seal that makes it visibly apparent when that seal has been tampered with. The types of sealing methods allowed under the rules are **heat shrink wrap bands** around the cap or lid, **twist-top caps** that break apart when the container is opened, or vacuum or heat-sealed **pouches** containing the mixed drink or cocktail. These container and sealing requirements are necessary to comply with federal open container laws and ensure that Iowa does not lose approximately \$12 million in annual federal funding for bridge and road construction and repair projects. Mixed drinks or cocktails to-go that are in containers and have sealing methods allowed under the rules are not open containers and can be transported in the passenger area of motor vehicles. Customers transporting mixed drinks or cocktails to-go that are not in compliance with the rules in the passenger area of a motor vehicle could face a fine of \$200 for an open container violation. Licensees found to be selling mixed drinks or cocktails to-go that are not in compliance with the rules could face a civil penalty, license suspension or license revocation. On June 29, **House File 2540** was signed into law, legalizing the sale of mixed drinks or cocktails to-go by class "C" and class "C" native distilled spirits liquor licensees. The legislation also authorized ABD to adopt emergency administrative rules to implement the provisions of law related to mixed drinks or cocktails sold to-go.

TN-TABC investigates, sends a cease and desist letter to CaskCartel.com

Russell Thomas, Director of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), announced a cease and desist letter was sent on September 18, 2020, to the owners of the website caskcartel.com for violations of Tennessee state law.

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Authorities Raid Six Illegal North Carolina Gambling Operations

According to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, local, state, and federal officials took part in the two-day operation. Members of the US Homeland Security Investigations, Liberty Police Department, Randleman Police Department, and the North Carolina Department of Public

Safety's Alcohol Law Enforcement Division were also involved. Agents found illegal gambling machine hard drives and gaming boards during the raids on Wednesday and Thursday, along with multiple firearms, drugs, and cash.

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Will Relaxed Alcohol Regulations Stick Around After COVID-19?

Alcohol has long been a double-edged sword for restaurants. On one hand, spirits, wine, and beer serve as significant revenue generators for many operators. On the other, alcohol licenses, fees, and regulations can cut into profits, making those beverages something of a loss leader. This is particularly true in so-called "blue law states" that have restrictions on when, where, and how restaurants and bars can sell certain drinks. But in recent months, many of these laws have relaxed. Sit-down restaurants haven't had many advantages over limited service during the pandemic, but alcohol has given full-service operators an edge—at least those who are in states and/or municipalities that have allowed for off-premises sales

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Americans Are Drinking 14% More Often During Pandemic, Study Finds

Perhaps it's no surprise, but people are **drinking more** during the pandemic. In some cases, by a lot. American adults say they're drinking 14% more often during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a **report in the journal JAMA Network Open**. The increase in frequency of drinking for women was more pronounced, up 17% compared to last year.

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IL-APD CADETS GO UNDERCOVER, CATCH 12 BUSINESSES SELLING LIQUOR, TOBACCO TO MINORS

On Wednesday afternoon, APD's cadets visited 21 businesses across the city to ensure they were abiding by laws governing the sale of alcohol and tobacco. At each business, the cadets attempt to purchase alcohol and/or tobacco from business and see if they are "carded" by the clerk. Normally, these operations usually only lead to one or two violations, but on Wednesday, APD's cadets were able to make illegal purchases of alcohol and tobacco from 12 local businesses.

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Massachusetts residents burning up the COVID-19 snitch line

Nobody is spared in the often-anonymous complaints. More than 200,000 calls have been logged in the state's 211 coronavirus compliance system since the onset of the pandemic in March, according to state records. That includes a liquor license being pulled at Kittens Gentlemen's Club in Salisbury, the state says, after a dancer performing on the stage and others were not wearing masks.

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VA-Region Ten sees a rise in substance abuse calls as alcohol sales increase

Many people have been turning to alcohol to cope during the coronavirus pandemic. Now, they're seeking help. "Folks are turning to alcohol as a way to potentially amuse themselves or distract themselves from boredom, and it can quickly get out of hand without realizing it," Region Ten Adult Outpatient Director Jennifer Myers said. When the pandemic hit Charlottesville in March, people began stocking up on food, supplies, and booze. By the beginning of May, calls for substance abuse help at **Region Ten in Charlottesville** began to rise. "We're seeing an increase in requests for residential treatment right now, and so we have a recovery support team working hard with individuals and seeking treatment at multiple different facilities," Myers said.

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MS-Lawmakers preparing report on ABC's fate

Lawmakers on the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Study Committee will submit their report on the future of alcohol distribution in November with what changes need to be made. The only agreement is that the status quo, upended by a massive uptick in demand brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, is no longer workable. Mississippi is one of 17 states nationwide that are known as control states, which means government has a monopoly on wholesale distribution of at least one of the three categories of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and spirits) and even retail, like Alabama.

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If you have Alcohol Law Enforcement news to share, please send it to Carrie Christofes, Executive Director at carrie.christofes@nllea.org. Thank you,