

**Identification Verification Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****Committee Note:**

The Business and Labor Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 11 voting for 0 voting against 9 absent

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions relating to identification verification.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- provides that an authorized person shall verify proof of age for an individual who appears to be 35 years old or younger before the individual procures an alcoholic product at a restaurant;
- provides that an authorized person shall verify proof of age for each individual before the individual gains admittance to a bar or tavern or purchases beer using curbside pick up from an off-premise beer retailer;
- amends provisions requiring a licensee to maintain technology to determine the validity of an individual's proof of age;
- authorizes an authorized person to confiscate a proof of age the authorized person determines is fake; and
- makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides a special effective date.

This bill provides retrospective operation.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**32B-1-407**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 471

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **32B-1-407** is amended to read:

**32B-1-407 . Verification of proof of age by applicable licensees.**

(1) As used in this section, "applicable licensee" means:

~~[(a) a dining club;]~~

~~[(b)]~~ (a) a bar;

~~[(c)]~~ (b) a tavern;

~~[(d)]~~ (c) a full-service restaurant;

~~[(e)]~~ (d) a limited-service restaurant;

~~[(f)]~~ (e) a beer-only restaurant; or

~~[(g)]~~ (f) an off-premise beer retailer selling, offering for sale, or furnishing beer as described in Subsection 32B-7-202(8).

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, an applicable licensee shall require that an authorized person for the applicable licensee verify proof of age as provided in this section.

(3)(a) An authorized person is required to verify proof of age under this section before an individual~~[:]~~ who appears to be 35 years old or younger

~~[(a) gains admittance to the premises of a bar licensee or tavern;]~~

~~[(b) procures an alcoholic product on the premises of a dining club licensee; or]~~

~~[(c)]~~ procures an alcoholic product in a dispensing area in the premises of a full-service restaurant licensee, a limited-service restaurant licensee, or a beer-only restaurant licensee.

(b) An authorized person is required to verify proof of age under this section before an individual:

(i) gains admittance to the premises of a bar licensee or tavern; or

(ii) purchases beer in accordance with Subsection 32B-7-202(8).

(4) To comply with Subsection (3), an authorized person shall:

(a) request the individual present proof of age; and

(b)(i) verify the validity of the proof of age electronically under the verification program created in Subsection (5); or

(ii) if the proof of age cannot be electronically verified as provided in Subsection (4)(b)(i), request that the individual comply with a process established by the commission by rule.

(5)(a) The commission shall establish by rule an electronic verification program that

includes the following:

- (i) the specifications for the technology used by the applicable licensee to electronically verify proof of age, including that the technology display to the person described in Subsection (2) no more than the following for the individual who presents the proof of age:
  - (A) the name;
  - (B) the age;
  - (C) the number assigned to the individual's proof of age by the issuing authority;
  - (D) the birth date;
  - (E) the gender; and
  - (F) the status and expiration date of the individual's proof of age; and
- (ii) the security measures that shall be used by an applicable licensee to ensure that information obtained under this section is:
  - (A) used by the applicable licensee only for purposes of verifying proof of age in accordance with this section; and
  - (B) retained by the applicable licensee for seven days after the day on which the applicable licensee obtains the information.

(b) The commission shall ensure that the electronic verification program described in Subsection (5)(a) includes technology that ~~[recognizes every state's unique hidden security features located on state issued identification cards to determine the validity of that particular card.]~~ can determine the validity of a state issued identification card from the barcode located on the back of the state issued identification card by:

- (i) comparing the card's barcode to other legitimate barcodes; or
- (ii) identifying patterns within legitimate state issued identification cards.

(6)(a) An applicable licensee may not disclose information obtained under this section except as provided under this title.

(b) Information obtained under this section is considered a record for any purpose under Chapter 5, Part 3, Retail Licensee Operational Requirements.

(7)(a) If, after an authorized person requests that an individual present proof of age in accordance with Subsection (4), the authorized person determines that the proof of age the individual presents is fake or the electronic verification program described in Subsection (5) determines that the proof of age is fake, the authorized person shall immediately call and request that law enforcement to verify the validity of the proof of age.

(b) If an authorized person calls law enforcement in accordance with this Subsection (7)  
(i) if law enforcement is unavailable to verify the validity of the proof of age, the  
authorized person, shall return the proof of age to the individual.

(A) inform law enforcement of the fake proof of age;

(I) request that law enforcement confirm or deny the validity of the proof of  
age; and

(II) provide the proof of age to law enforcement.

**Section 2. Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect:

(1) except as provided in Subsection (2), May 6, 2026; or

(2) if approved by two-thirds of all members elected to each house:

(a) upon approval by the governor;

(b) without the governor's signature, the day following the constitutional time limit of  
Utah Constitution, Article VII, Section 8; or

(c) in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.

**Section 3. Retrospective operation.**

This bill has retrospective operation to January 1, 2026.