

**Chapter 7**  
**Off-Premise Beer Retailer Act**

**Part 1**  
**General Provisions**

**32B-7-101 Title.**

This chapter is known as the "Off-premise Beer Retailer Act."

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**32B-7-102 Definitions.**

Reserved

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**Part 2**  
**Off-Premise Beer Retailer Local Authority**

**32B-7-201 State and local licensing -- Limitations.**

- (1) Subject to the other provisions of this title, a local authority may:
  - (a) tax or prohibit the retail sale of beer;
  - (b) subject to this part, issue, suspend, and revoke a local license to sell beer at retail for off-premise consumption;
  - (c) establish proximity requirements for establishing premises where beer is sold at retail for off-premise consumption in relation to any community location; and
  - (d) otherwise regulate the retail sale of beer for off-premise consumption subject to the requirements of Section 32B-7-202 and Part 3, Off-Premise Beer Retailer Enforcement Act.
- (2) A local authority may not issue to a minor a local license to sell beer at retail for off-premise consumption.

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**32B-7-202 General operational requirements for off-premise beer retailer.**

- (1)
  - (a) An off-premise beer retailer or staff of the off-premise beer retailer shall comply with this section.
  - (b) Failure to comply with this section may result in a suspension or revocation of a local license.
- (2)
  - (a)
    - (i) An off-premise beer retailer may not purchase, acquire, possess for the purpose of resale, or sell beer, except beer that the off-premise beer retailer lawfully purchases from:
      - (A) a beer wholesaler licensee; or
      - (B) a small brewer that manufactures the beer.
    - (ii) A violation of Subsection (2)(a) is a class A misdemeanor.
  - (b)

- (i) If an off-premise beer retailer purchases beer under this Subsection (2) from a beer wholesaler licensee, the off-premise beer retailer shall purchase beer only from a beer wholesaler licensee who is designated by the manufacturer to sell beer in the geographical area in which the off-premise beer retailer is located, unless an alternate wholesaler is authorized by the department to sell to the off-premise beer retailer as provided in Section 32B-13-301.
- (ii) A violation of Subsection (2)(b) is a class B misdemeanor.
- (3) An off-premise beer retailer may not possess, sell, offer for sale, or furnish beer in a container larger than two liters.
- (4) A minor may not sell beer on the licensed premises of an off-premise beer retailer unless:
  - (a) the sale is done under the supervision of a person 21 years of age or older who is on the licensed premises; and
  - (b) the minor is at least 16 years of age.
- (5)
  - (a) Subject to the other provisions of this Subsection (5), an off-premise beer retailer shall:
    - (i) display beer sold by the off-premise beer retailer in an area that is visibly separate and distinct from the area where nonalcoholic beverages are displayed; and
    - (ii) display a sign in the area described in Subsection (5)(a)(i) that:
      - (A) is prominent;
      - (B) is easily readable by a consumer;
      - (C) meets the requirements for format established by the commission by rule; and
      - (D) reads in print that is no smaller than .5 inches, bold type, "These beverages contain alcohol. Please read the label carefully."
  - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), a nonalcoholic beer may be displayed with beer if the nonalcoholic beer is labeled, packaged, or advertised as a nonalcoholic beer.
  - (c) The requirements of this Subsection (5) apply to beer notwithstanding that it is labeled, packaged, or advertised as:
    - (i) a malt cooler; or
    - (ii) a beverage that may provide energy.
  - (d) The commission shall define by rule what constitutes an "area that is visibly separate and distinct from the area where a nonalcoholic beverage is displayed."
  - (e) A violation of this Subsection (5) is an infraction.
- (6)
  - (a) Staff of an off-premise beer retailer who directly supervises the sale of beer or who sells beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer shall wear a unique identification badge:
    - (i) on the front of the staff's clothing;
    - (ii) visible above the waist;
    - (iii) bearing the staff's:
      - (A) first or last name;
      - (B) initials; or
      - (C) unique identification in letters or numbers; and
    - (iv) with the number or letters on the unique identification badge being sufficiently large to be clearly visible and identifiable while engaging in or directly supervising the retail sale of beer.
  - (b) An off-premise beer retailer shall make and maintain a record of each current staff's unique identification badge assigned by the off-premise beer retailer that includes the staff's:
    - (i) full name;
    - (ii) address; and

- (iii)
  - (A) driver license number; or
  - (B) similar identification number.
- (c) An off-premise beer retailer shall make available a record required to be made or maintained under this Subsection (6) for immediate inspection by:
  - (i) a peace officer; or
  - (ii) a representative of the local authority that issues the off-premise beer retailer license.
- (d) A local authority may impose a fine of up to \$250 against an off-premise beer retailer that does not comply or require its staff to comply with this Subsection (6).

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### **Part 3**

## **Off-Premise Beer Retailer Enforcement Act**

#### **32B-7-301 Title.**

This part is known as the "Off-premise Beer Retailer Enforcement Act."

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#### **32B-7-302 Definitions.**

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#### **32B-7-303 Penalties related to sales to minors.**

- (1)
  - (a) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed, an individual is subject to the administrative penalties described in Subsection (1)(b) imposed by a local authority if:
    - (i) the individual completes an alcohol training and education seminar;
    - (ii) after completing the alcohol training and education seminar, the individual is found in violation of a law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor;
    - (iii) the violation described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) is based on conduct that occurs while the individual is on duty as staff of an off-premise beer retailer; and
    - (iv) the local authority brings an adjudicative proceeding against the individual.
  - (b) If the conditions of Subsection (1)(a) are met, a local authority shall impose the following administrative penalties:
    - (i) upon a first violation, the individual may not sell or directly supervise the sale of beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer until the individual retakes and completes an alcohol training and education seminar;
    - (ii) upon a second violation, the individual may not sell or directly supervise the sale of beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer until the later of:
      - (A) 90 days from the day on which the administrative penalty is imposed; and
      - (B) the day on which the individual:
        - (I) retakes and completes the alcohol training and education seminar; and
        - (II) completes any additional training that the local authority may require; and

- (iii) upon a third or subsequent violation, the individual may not sell or directly supervise the sale of beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer until the later of:
  - (A) one year from the day on which the administrative penalty is imposed; and
  - (B) the day on which the individual:
    - (I) retakes and completes an alcohol training and education seminar; and
    - (II) completes any additional training that the local authority may require.
- (2)
  - (a) During the time period in which an individual is prohibited from selling or directly supervising the sale of beer under Subsection (1)(b), an off-premise beer retailer may not allow that individual to:
    - (i) directly supervise the sale of beer for the off-premise beer retailer; or
    - (ii) sell beer for the off-premise beer retailer.
  - (b) A violation of this Subsection (2) is grounds for the immediate suspension of the off-premise beer retailer's license.
- (3)
  - (a) In addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed, an off-premise beer retailer is subject to the administrative penalties imposed by a local authority described in Subsection (3)(b) if:
    - (i) staff of the off-premise beer retailer is found in violation of a law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor;
    - (ii) the violation described in Subsection (3)(a)(i) occurs while the staff is on duty for the off-premise beer retailer; and
    - (iii) the local authority brings an adjudicative proceeding against the off-premise beer retailer.
  - (b) If the conditions of Subsection (3)(a) are met, a local authority shall impose the following administrative penalties:
    - (i) upon a first violation, the local authority shall issue a written warning against an off-premise beer retailer;
    - (ii) upon a second violation, an off-premise beer retailer shall pay a civil fine of \$250;
    - (iii) upon a third violation, an off-premise beer retailer shall pay a civil fine of \$500;
    - (iv) upon a fourth or subsequent violation, an off-premise beer retailer shall:
      - (A) pay a civil fine of \$500;
      - (B) have its off-premise beer retailer license suspended for a period of 30 consecutive days from the date on which the administrative penalty is imposed; and
      - (C) be placed on probation for a period of one year from the date on which the administrative penalty is imposed; and
    - (v) upon any violation by the off-premise beer retailer or any on-duty staff of the off-premise beer retailer during the period of probation specified in Subsection (3)(b)(iv)(C):
      - (A) the off-premise beer retailer's license to sell beer shall be revoked; and
      - (B) the off-premise beer retailer may not reapply for a new license for at least six months from the date of revocation.
- (4)
  - (a) An off-premise beer retailer's failure to pay a fine imposed under Subsection (3) within 30 days of the day on which a fine is imposed is grounds for the immediate suspension of the off-premise beer retailer's license to sell beer until payment is made.
  - (b) An off-premise beer retailer's failure to pay the fine described in Subsection (4)(a) within the time period described in Subsection (4)(a) is grounds for revocation of the off-premise beer retailer's license.

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**32B-7-304 Hearings.**

- (1) A local authority shall conduct a hearing under this part if one of the following requests a hearing before the local authority:
  - (a) an off-premise beer retailer;
  - (b) an individual who directly supervises the sale of beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer; or
  - (c) an individual who sells beer to a patron for consumption off the premises of the off-premise beer retailer.
- (2) A local authority conducting a hearing under this section shall provide the person requesting the hearing:
  - (a) notice of the hearing; and
  - (b) an opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

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**32B-7-305 Tracking of enforcement actions -- Costs of enforcement actions.**

- (1) A local authority that pursuant to this part adjudicates an administrative penalty for a violation of a law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor, shall:
  - (a) maintain a record of an adjudicated violation until the record is expunged under Subsection (3);
  - (b) include in the record described in Subsection (1)(a):
    - (i) the name of the individual who commits the violation;
    - (ii) the name of the off-premise beer retailer for whom the individual is a staff member at the time of the violation; and
    - (iii) the date of the adjudication of the violation; and
  - (c) provide the information described in Subsection (1)(b) to the Highway Safety Office of the Department of Public Safety within 30 days of the date on which a violation is adjudicated.
- (2)
  - (a) The Highway Safety Office shall develop and operate a system to collect, analyze, maintain, track, and disseminate the violation history information received under Subsection (1).
  - (b) The Highway Safety Office shall make the system described in Subsection (2)(a) available to:
    - (i) assist a local authority in assessing administrative penalties under Section 32B-7-303; and
    - (ii) inform an off-premise beer retailer of an individual who has an administrative violation history under Section 32B-7-303.
  - (c) The Highway Safety Office shall maintain a record of violation history information received pursuant to Subsection (1) until the record is expunged under Subsection (3).
- (3)
  - (a) A local authority and the Highway Safety Office shall expunge from the records maintained an administrative penalty imposed under Section 32B-7-303 for purposes of determining future administrative penalties under Section 32B-7-303 if the individual has not been found in violation of any law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor for a period of 36 consecutive months from the day on which the individual is last adjudicated as violating a law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor.
  - (b) A local authority shall expunge from the records maintained by the local authority an administrative penalty imposed under Section 32B-7-303 against an off-premise beer retailer for purposes of determining future administrative penalties under Section 32B-7-303 if the

off-premise beer retailer or any staff of that off-premise beer retailer has not been found in violation of any law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor for a period of 36 consecutive months from the day on which the off-premise beer retailer or staff of the off-premise beer retailer is last adjudicated as violating a law involving the sale of an alcoholic product to a minor.

- (4) The Highway Safety Office shall administer a program to reimburse a municipal or county law enforcement agency:
  - (a) for the actual costs of an alcohol-related compliance check investigation conducted pursuant to Section 77-39-101 on the premises of an off-premise beer retailer;
  - (b) for administrative costs associated with reporting the compliance check investigation described in Subsection (4)(a);
  - (c) if the municipal or county law enforcement agency completes and submits to the Highway Safety Office a report within 90 days of the compliance check investigation described in Subsection (4)(a) in a format required by the Highway Safety Office; and
  - (d) in the order that the municipal or county law enforcement agency submits the report required by Subsection (4)(c) until the amount allocated by the Highway Safety Office to reimburse a municipal or county law enforcement agency is spent.
- (5) The Highway Safety Office shall report to the Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council by no later than October 1 following a fiscal year on the following funded during the prior fiscal year:
  - (a) compliance check investigations reimbursed under Subsection (4); and
  - (b) the collection, analysis, maintenance, tracking, and dissemination of violation history information described in Subsection (2).

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