

2016 AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS LIQUOR LAWS

The 2016 Legislature passed Senate Bill 326 which amends the liquor control act. Governor Sam Brownback signed the bill into law on May 9, 2016. The following changes will become effective July 1, 2016.

Microbrewery Licensees

A microbrewery may produce up to 60,000 barrels of domestic beer per calendar year. If the licensee holds a 10% or greater ownership interest in one or more entities that also holds a microbrewery license, the total number of barrels manufactured by all licensees is limited to 60,000 barrels per calendar year.

Microbrewery licensees who have 10% or more common ownership may also transfer their beer for sale or storage among licensees.

A microbrewery whose premise is also licensed as a club or drinking establishment can sell and transfer their beer to the club or drinking establishment.

Residency Term

Applicants for a farm winery, microbrewery or microdistillery must be a Kansas resident, removing the requirement to be a resident of Kansas for one year.

Hard Cider – Effective January 1, 2017

A definition of hard cider is added. The definition of wine is amended to clarify that hard cider is a subset of wine.

A microbrewery will also be able to manufacture up to 100,000 gallons of hard cider per calendar year provided they obtain a permit and qualify for an alternating premise with the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB). If the licensee holds a 10% or greater ownership interest in one or more entities that also holds a microbrewery license, the total number of gallons manufactured by all licensees is limited to 100,000 gallons per calendar year.

A microbrewery must use at least 30% of Kansas agricultural products when manufacturing hard cider.

A microbrewery can transfer hard cider to their packaging and warehousing facility.

Customer Surveys

In our effort to improve services, each month ABC emails links to three different Survey Monkey surveys. All new licensees receive a survey and two other surveys are sent to existing licensees that are randomly selected. These survey questions are related to customer service, fair enforcement of liquor laws and our efforts to make it as easy as possible to comply with the liquor laws.

Combined survey results for the past year are 91% positive.

Thank you to all licensees who took the time to respond to the anonymous survey and we review any comments that are provided.

ABC Facebook page

The ABC Facebook page was created to improve communication with our licensees, law enforcement and our stakeholders. If you have not visited our page, we encourage you to check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/KansasAlcoholicBeverageControl>.



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