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Illinois Liquor Control Commission
COVID-19 Related Action
Guidance on Temporary Delivery of Alcoholic Liquor
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Delivery Authorization

Due to the hardships on liquor license holders as a result of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and in an effort to limit gatherings at a single business location, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission temporarily authorizes the delivery of alcoholic liquor to non-licensees under the following conditions:

1. Subject to the approval of the local liquor control commission, all retail licensees, including on-premises only licensees, ("Retailers") shall be authorized by the State Commission to conduct packaged sales, "to go" sales, curbside deliveries, home residential deliveries, and any other sale or delivery intended to promote social distancing ("Temporary Deliveries").
2. Subject to authorization of the local liquor control commission, brewer, class 1 brewer, class 2 brewer, class 1 craft distiller, class 2 craft distiller, brew pub, distilling pub, and wine-maker premises license holders ("Temporary Delivery Licensees") shall have the limited authority to make Temporary Deliveries of alcoholic liquor.
3. Retailers and Temporary Delivery Licensees shall not conduct Temporary Deliveries of alcoholic liquor they are not normally authorized to sell to non-licensees.
4. Subject to authorization of the local liquor control commission, Retailers and Temporary Delivery Licensees may use third party delivery services to make Temporary Deliveries.
5. Including all sales of beer pursuant to 235 ILCS 5/6-6.5 (growlers/crowlers), all Temporary Deliveries shall be made in the original container. Licensees are not authorized to sell or deliver pre-mixed cocktails normally intended for on-premises consumption (e.g. pre-mix margaritas, sangrias).
6. All Temporary Deliveries made to a residence or to a curbside vehicle shall require the delivery representative to observe the appearance of the delivery recipient at a safe social distance, and if necessary, require the examination of the recipient identification to ensure the recipient is over twenty-one. If such observation of the recipient or recipient identification cannot be accomplished while respecting safe social distancing, the alcoholic liquor shall be returned with a full refund.

The temporary authorization of deliveries contained herein overrides all previous COVID-19 statements made by the State Commission related to alcoholic liquor deliveries.

Alcoholic liquor deliveries made under the conditions set forth herein are temporary and are not generally authorized by the Illinois Liquor Control Act or Illinois Liquor Control Commission Rules. All Temporary Delivery authorizations are for the purpose of promoting safe social distancing and shall be rescinded upon the termination of COVID-19 emergency restrictions.

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