

Alcoholic Beverage Control

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Enhance ABC Commission Oversight Authority – Department of Public Safety Agency Changes.

SL 2025-51 (S710), Part IV

Part IV of S.L. 2025-51 (Senate Bill 710) gives the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission authority to provide for a method for ABC permittees and applicants to establish compliance with all local ordinances and State and federal laws.

This Part became effective October 1, 2025.

Modify Law Regarding Notice of Certain Violations to ABC Permit Holders – Department of Public Safety Agency Changes.

SL 2025-51 (S710), Part V

Part V of S.L. 2025-51 (Senate Bill 710) removes the requirement that an alcohol law enforcement agent or a local ABC officer notify an ABC permit holder within five business days after the agent or officer issues a citation to an employee of the permitted establishment for conduct occurring on the premises that is a violation of the ABC laws or criminal laws of this State.

This Part became effective July 2, 2025.

Revisions to ABC Laws – JMAC/ABC/Other Revisions.

SL 2025-65 (S664), Part II

Part II of S.L. 2025-65 (Senate Bill 664) makes two revisions to the alcoholic beverages laws:

- Allows wineries and distilleries to participate in alternating proprietorship arrangements and clarifies on-premises sales at distilleries participating in alternating proprietorship arrangements. This section became effective July 7, 2025.
- Makes a technical correction to the open container laws, effective October 1, 2025, to make a provision allowing "to go" mixed beverages and wine by the glass comply with federal law.

Expand Culinary Alcoholic Beverage Control Permit – Regulatory Reform Act of 2025.

SL 2025-94 (H926), Sec. 5

Section 5 of S.L. 2025-94 (House Bill 926) expands the availability of culinary permits issued by the ABC Commission, which allow a hotel, restaurant, or cooking school to have fortified wine or spirituous liquor in the kitchen for culinary purposes, to the following:

- Food businesses, which are businesses that sell food primarily to be eaten off-premises.
- Eating establishments, which are businesses that sell food to be eaten on premises, but are not large enough to qualify as a restaurant.

This section became effective October 6, 2025.