



SYNOPSIS:

This bill would create a new alcoholic beverage license category that would allow businesses that sell and dispense alcoholic beverages at special events under an existing special event license to obtain an event storage license. This license would allow the business to store alcoholic beverages in a permanent storage facility for transfer to special event venues as needed. Under this license, unconsumed alcoholic beverages would be required to be returned to the storage facility before subsequent transfer to another special event venue.

This bill would also create a new alcoholic beverage license category for businesses to sell and dispense alcoholic beverages at a special event held on state, county, or municipal owned property, such as concert venues, exhibition halls, historic properties, and parks.

This bill would set fees for the licenses.

This bill would also authorize the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to administer and enforce these licensing provisions and to adopt rules.

A BILL



29 TO BE ENTITLED

30 AN ACT

31
32 Relating to alcoholic beverages; to provide for an
33 event storage license that authorizes persons who sell and
34 dispense alcoholic beverages pursuant to existing special
35 event licenses to store alcoholic beverages at a permanent
36 facility for transfer as needed to special event venues; to
37 provide for a government venue license that authorizes persons
38 to sell and dispense alcoholic beverages at special events
39 held on government owned property; to authorize the Alcoholic
40 Beverage Control Board to administer and enforce these
41 licenses and to adopt rules; and to amend Section 28-3A-21,
42 Code of Alabama 1975, to set license fees.

43 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

44 Section 1. The Legislature finds all of the following:

45 (1) A structured framework is needed to allow holders
46 of certain licenses issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control
47 Board which authorize the sale and dispensing of alcoholic
48 beverages at special events on an occasional use basis to
49 manage and store their alcoholic beverage inventory at a
50 secure, permanent location.

51 (2) This act establishes a new category of license
52 under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board which allows a
53 holder of certain special event licenses to store and transfer
54 alcoholic beverages between a designated storage location and
55 special event venues as needed.

56 (3) This act also establishes a new category of special



57 event license to provide a method for a vendor to sell and
58 dispense alcoholic beverages on state, county, and municipal
59 government owned properties where special events are
60 occasionally held.

61 Section 2. (a) Upon an eligible applicant's compliance
62 with Chapter 3A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975, and rules
63 adopted thereunder and payment of the event storage license
64 fee as established in Section 28-3A-21, Code of Alabama 1975,
65 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, on and after January 1,
66 2026, shall issue an event storage license to a person for
67 such period of time not to exceed one year and upon such terms
68 and conditions as the board may prescribe. An event storage
69 license authorizes the licensee to purchase and store
70 alcoholic beverages at one designated location and transfer
71 alcoholic beverages as needed to special event venues where
72 the licensee holds the appropriate special event license under
73 the same Federal Employer Identification Number.

74 (b) Notwithstanding Section 28-3-4, Code of Alabama
75 1975, only the holder of one or more of the following special
76 event licenses shall be eligible to make application for and
77 hold an event storage license:

78 (1) A special events retail license.

79 (2) A nonprofit special events retail license.

80 (3) A special retail license for 30 days or less.

81 (4) A government venue license.

82 (c) An event storage license authorizes a licensee to:

83 (1) Store alcoholic beverages, when not at a special
84 event venue, at the storage location;



(2) Arrange delivery of alcoholic beverages purchased from the board or a wholesale licensee directly to the licensee's storage location or directly to a special event license venue; and

(3) Transfer alcoholic beverages between the storage location and a special event venue. Alcoholic beverages returned from a special event venue to the storage location may then be transferred to another special event venue, but a licensee may not transfer alcoholic beverages directly from one special event venue to another special event venue without first returning the alcoholic beverages to the storage location.

(d) (1) The holder of an event storage license may only purchase beer and table wine from a licensed wholesaler that maintains the appropriate franchise for the brand purchased in the area applicable to the storage location. The holder of an event storage license may only purchase liquor from board wholesale.

(2) The holder of an event storage license may purchase alcoholic beverages under one of the special events licenses listed in subsection (b) which is issued to the holder; provided, the purchase is made only from a vendor permitted under the special events license and that any remaining alcoholic beverages purchased are returned to the storage location.

(e) The holder of an event storage license may apply for and hold up to three such licenses, each of which permits one designated storage location, provided:



113 (1) All storage locations are situated at least 100
114 miles from one another; and

115 (2) Alcoholic beverages may not be transferred between
116 storage locations.

117 (f) The storage location facility must:

118 (1) Be secured at all times with locked access when not
119 in use;

120 (2) Use an access control system to monitor and
121 restrict entry to authorized individuals only;

122 (3) Be temperature controlled as appropriate for the
123 types of alcoholic beverages stored; and

124 (4) Comply with local zoning and building codes.

125 (g) An event storage licensee shall track all alcoholic
126 beverage transfers, on a form prescribed by the board, which
127 shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following
128 information:

129 (1) The name under which the event storage license is
130 issued.

131 (2) The event storage license number.

132 (3) The date of the transfer.

133 (4) The type of alcoholic beverage, the brand name, and
134 the quantity transferred.

135 (5) The destination of the transfer, identified by
136 location, special event license type, and number.

137 (6) If the destination of the transfer is the return of
138 alcoholic beverages from a special event venue to a storage
139 location, the type of alcoholic beverage, the brand, and the
140 quantity returned.



141 (7) A signed certification that the transfer is in
142 compliance with this section and board rules.

143 (h)(1) An event storage licensee shall maintain for a
144 period of three years records of all alcoholic beverages
145 purchased, stored, transferred, and sold in accordance with
146 rules adopted by the board. These records may be maintained in
147 an electronic format so long as the records may be promptly
148 provided in a readable format upon request by the board.

149 (2) All invoices, transfer logs, and other records of
150 an event storage licensee shall be subject to inspection by
151 members of the board or by agents authorized and designated by
152 the board at any time during the normal business hours
153 established by the licensee.

154 (3) Inspection by the board or by agents authorized and
155 designated by the board may:

156 a. Include a search by law enforcement officers with
157 jurisdiction if the circumstances require; and

158 b. Extend to other buildings attached or adjacent to
159 the storage location, including a dwelling.

160 (i)(1) If a discrepancy is discovered during an
161 inspection or audit, the board may issue a compliance warning,
162 require immediate corrective action, or issue a citation.

163 (2) Reoccurring discrepancies discovered by audit or
164 inspection may be considered a violation pursuant to rules
165 adopted by the board.

166 (3) The board may assess a civil fine of no more than
167 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each occurrence that is a
168 violation of this chapter and may revoke the license.



169 (j) The board shall adopt rules to implement this
170 section.

171 Section 3. (a) Upon an applicant's compliance with
172 Chapter 3A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975, and rules
173 adopted thereunder and payment of the government venue license
174 fee as established in Section 28-3A-21, Code of Alabama 1975,
175 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall issue a government
176 venue license to a person for such period of time and upon
177 such terms and conditions as the board may prescribe. A
178 government venue license authorizes the licensee to purchase
179 liquor and wine from the board and table wine and beer from
180 any wholesale licensee and to sell at retail and dispense for
181 on-premises consumption alcoholic beverages at a location on
182 property owned or leased by the state or a political
183 subdivision of the state. Locations may include, but are not
184 limited to, civic centers and community event spaces; concert
185 centers, amphitheaters, and music halls; convention centers
186 and exhibition halls; government owned stadiums and sports
187 complexes; or historic properties, parks, fairgrounds, or
188 other outdoor spaces.

189 (b) The government venue license is a special retail
190 license, and selling and dispensing of alcoholic beverages
191 shall be restricted to an occasional use basis. For the
192 purposes of this section, "occasional use basis" refers to a
193 location where alcoholic beverages are sold and dispensed at
194 individual events that may be open to the public or restricted
195 to private parties. The term excludes locations where
196 alcoholic beverages are dispensed and served to the public



during continual business hours on a regular schedule.

(c) Any holder of a special retail license under Section 28-3A-19, Code of Alabama 1975, may convert the license to a government venue license no later than September 30, 2026; provided, all requirements for issuance of a government venue license are met.

Section 4. Section 28-3A-21, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§28-3A-21

(a) The following annual license fees are levied and prescribed for licenses issued and renewed by the board pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter:

(1) Manufacturer license, license fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) Importer license, license fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(3) Liquor ~~wholesale~~wholesaler license, license fee of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(4) ~~Wholesaler~~Beer wholesaler license, ~~beer~~ license fee of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) ~~or wine license fee of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550); license fee for beer and wine of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750);~~ plus two hundred dollars (\$200) for each warehouse in addition to the principal warehouse.

(5) Wine wholesaler license, license fee of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) plus two hundred dollars (\$200) for each warehouse in addition to the principal warehouse.

(6) Beer and wine wholesaler license, license fee of



225 seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) plus two hundred dollars
226 (\$200) for each warehouse in addition to the principal
227 warehouse.

228 (7) Warehouse license, license fee of two hundred
229 dollars (\$200).

230 ~~(6)~~ (8) Lounge retail liquor license, license fee of
231 three hundred dollars (\$300).

232 ~~(7)~~ (9) Restaurant retail liquor license, license fee of
233 three hundred dollars (\$300).

234 ~~(8)~~ (10) Club liquor license, Class I license fee of
235 three hundred dollars (\$300), Class II license fee of seven
236 hundred fifty dollars (\$750).

237 ~~(9)~~ (11) Retail table wine license for off-premises
238 consumption, license fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

239 ~~(10)~~ (12) Retail table wine license for on-premises and
240 off-premises consumption, license fee of one hundred fifty
241 dollars (\$150).

242 ~~(11)~~ (13) Retail beer license for on-premises and
243 off-premises consumption, license fee of one hundred fifty
244 dollars (\$150).

245 ~~(12)~~ (14) Retail beer license for off-premises
246 consumption, license fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

247 ~~(13)~~ (15) Retail common carrier liquor license, license
248 fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each railroad,
249 airline, bus line, ship line, vessel, or other common carrier
250 entity with a vehicle passenger capacity of at least 10
251 people.

252 ~~(14)~~ (16) Special retail license, license fee of one



hundred dollars (\$100) for 30 days or less; license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for more than 30 days.

~~(15)~~ (17) Special events retail license, license fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).

(18) Government venue license, license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).

(19) Event storage license, license fee of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).

(b) The license fees levied and fixed by this section shall be paid before the license is issued or renewed.

(c) In addition to the foregoing filing fee and license taxes or fees, any county or municipality in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted shall be authorized to fix and levy privileges or license taxes on any of the foregoing licenses located or operated therein, conditioned on a permit or license being issued by the board.

(d) No county or municipality shall have any authority to levy a license or tax of any nature on any liquor store."

Section 5. This act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.