

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 969
2 INTRODUCED BY K. ZOLNIKOV, B. MITCHELL
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY LICENSE FOR
5 ALCOHOL; ALLOWING AN OFF-PREMISES RETAIL LICENSEE TO HAVE A THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY
6 LICENSEE DELIVER BEER OR TABLE WINE; REQUIRING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL TO THE END
7 CONSUMER; PROVIDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THIRD-
8 PARTY DELIVERY LICENSEE; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO RESPONSIBLE SERVER TRAINING;
9 PROVIDING FOR LICENSURE AND FEES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-
10 115, 16-4-501, AND 16-4-1005, MCA."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Third-party delivery license -- definitions.** (1) The off-premises retail
15 licensee shall sell the beer or table wine to the end consumer. The third-party delivery licensee may not sell
16 beer or table wine to the end consumer. The off-premises retail licensee must have the exclusive authority to
17 determine which beer or table wine is available for delivery and set the prices for these beverages.

18 (2) (a) The department may issue a third-party delivery license to a third-party delivery licensee if
19 the following requirements are met:

20 (i) the owners and officers of the third-party delivery licensee meet the requirements for an off-
21 premises retail licensee under 16-4-401 to hold a license; and

22 (ii) the third-party delivery licensee submits an application and pays the initial license fee as
23 provided in 16-4-501.

24 (b) Third-party delivery licenses may be renewed annually if:

25 (i) the owners and officers of the third-party delivery licensee continue to meet the requirements
26 for an off-premises retail licensee under 16-4-401 to hold a license; and

27 (ii) the third-party delivery licensee submits a renewal form and the annual renewal fee as

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1 provided in 16-4-501.

2 (3) A third-party delivery licensee may only deliver beer or table wine through drivers who meet the
3 following requirements:

4 (a) are an employee or independent contractor of the third-party delivery licensee;

5 (b) are at least 21 years of age;

6 (c) have a valid driver's license;

7 (d) have not been convicted of a felony or an alcohol-related offense; and

8 (e) have completed a responsible server and sales training program or a delivery training program

9 under Title 16, chapter 4, part 10, prior to their first delivery.

10 (4) Drivers are subject to the penalties described in Title 16, chapter 4, part 10.

11 (5) Any beer or table wine sold by an off-premises retail licensee for delivery by a third-party
12 delivery licensee must be removed from the off-premises retail licensee's licensed premises only during the
13 hours in which the off-premises retail licensee is permitted to sell alcoholic beverages. The delivery must be
14 completed before the time that the off-premises retail licensee is required to end sales of alcoholic beverages.

15 (6) Any beer or table wine unable to be delivered for any reason must be immediately returned to
16 the licensed premises of the off-premises retail licensee that sold the beer or table wine. The third-party delivery
17 licensee must document and maintain a record of the delivery attempt.

18 (7) The person to whom the delivery is made must be at least 21 years of age. The driver shall use
19 an identification scanning software technology or an alternative approved by the department to verify the age
20 and identity of the recipient at the time of delivery.

21 (8) Deliveries may not be made to anyone who is actually, apparently, or obviously intoxicated.

22 (9) A licensee under this section that delivers alcoholic beverages shall maintain books and
23 records reflecting the date, time, address, and recipient of the alcohol delivery for each delivery, the name and
24 business address of the person making the delivery, and the name and license number of the off-premises
25 retail licensee selling the alcoholic beverage. Records must be maintained either in hard copy or electronic
26 format for 3 years. Licensees shall make these books and records available to the department and its
27 investigators on reasonable notice from the department.

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1 (10) An off-premises retail licensee may utilize the services of a third-party delivery licensee by
2 means of the telephone, the internet, a mobile application, or other electronic means to facilitate the ordering or
3 delivery of beer or table wine from inventory located at the off-premises retail licensee's licensed premises.

4 (11) An off-premises retail licensee is not subject to violations of this ~~code section~~ that arise out of
5 the delivery of beer or table wine delivered by a third-party delivery licensee ~~if:~~

6 ~~(a) the purchaser affirmed to the off-premises retail licensee or the third-party delivery licensee that~~
7 ~~the purchaser and recipient are not under 21 years of age;~~

8 ~~(b) the beer and table wine are in original packaging and are packaged in a manner that clearly~~
9 ~~discloses to the driver that the delivery contains beer or table wine, or the third-party delivery licensee's driver~~
10 ~~packages the order containing the beer and table wine; and~~

11 ~~(c) the off-premises retail licensee discloses to the third-party delivery licensee that the order to be~~
12 ~~delivered contains beer or table wine.~~

13 (12) Any violation of this code by a third-party delivery licensee or its drivers are subject to penalties
14 as provided in 16-4-406.

15 (13) Nothing in this section may be construed to require a technology services company to obtain a
16 third-party delivery license if the company does not employ or contract with delivery drivers and instead
17 provides software or an application that connects consumers and off-premises retail licensees for the delivery
18 of beer or table wine from the off-premises retail licensee.

19 (14) A third-party delivery license is not required for a common carrier lawfully transporting or
20 shipping alcoholic beverages.

21 (15) The third-party delivery licensee shall maintain a general liability insurance policy in an amount
22 of no less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence.

23 ~~(15)(16)~~ As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

24 (a) "Third-party delivery license" means a license issued by the department to a third-party delivery
25 licensee for the delivery of beer or table wine.

26 (b) "Third-party delivery licensee" means a person who offers a service to deliver, but not to buy or
27 sell, beer or table wine in original packaging from an off-premises retail licensee issued a license under 16-4-

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1 115 and enters into a written agreement with the off-premises retail licensee for the purpose of delivering beer
2 or table wine sold by the off-premises retail licensee.

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4 **Section 2.** Section 16-4-115, MCA, is amended to read:

5 **"16-4-115. Beer and wine licenses for off-premises consumption.** (1) A retail license to sell beer
6 or table wine, or both, in the original packages for off-premises consumption may be issued only to a person,
7 firm, or corporation that is approved by the department as a person, firm, or corporation qualified to sell beer or
8 table wine, or both. If the premises proposed for licensing are operated in conjunction with another business,
9 that business must be a grocery store or drugstore licensed as a pharmacy. The number of licenses that the
10 department may issue is not limited by the provisions of 16-4-105 but must be determined by the department in
11 the exercise of its sound discretion, and the department may in the exercise of its sound discretion grant or
12 deny an application for any license or suspend or revoke any license for cause.

13 (2) Upon receipt of a completed application for a license under this section, accompanied by the
14 necessary license fee as provided in 16-4-501, the department shall request that the department of justice
15 make a background investigation of all matters relating to the application.

16 (3) Based on the results of the investigation or in exercising its sound discretion as provided in
17 subsection (1), the department shall determine whether:

18 (a) the applicant is qualified to receive a license;

19 (b) the applicant's premises are suitable for the carrying on of the business; and

20 (c) the requirements of this code and the rules promulgated by the department are met and
21 complied with.

22 (4) License applications submitted under this section are not subject to the provisions of 16-4-203
23 and 16-4-207.

24 (5) A license issued under this section may offer curbside pickup between 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. in
25 original packaging.

26 (6) An off-premises retail licensee may use a third-party delivery licensee to deliver beer and table
27 wine in original packaging or may apply to the department and pay a fee for an endorsement to, with the off-