

**Department of Revenue
Alcoholic Beverage Control Division
Proposed Legislation**

- Amend 16-4-115, MCA, to remove language that speaks to the department issuing a conditional license pending the completion of the premises.
 - Conditional license language was removed in all other statutes with the passage of House Bill 727 during the 2019 Legislative Session. This statute was inadvertently overlooked.
 - House Bill 727 allows a license to be issued to an applicant who does not immediately have a proposed premises location. If the license is approved, the licensee must follow statutory timelines to have the premises applied for and approved.

- Amend 16-4-1006, MCA, to allow the department to conduct Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service (RASS) Training when there is a lack of available trainers in an area where training is requested.
 - Each employee and their immediate supervisor that sales, serves, or delivers alcoholic beverages must successfully complete RASS training within 60 days of hire and every three years thereafter.
 - This will help licensees stay compliant with the RASS Act and give them an additional resource to obtain in-person training.

- Amend 16-1-106, MCA, to ensure the definition of beer also includes other alcoholic beverage products that are made by the fermentation of malt substitutes.
 - This clarifies that products such as hard seltzers and kombuchas would be treated as beer for distribution, sale, and taxation purposes. This is consistent with how these products are currently being treated.
 - This would include amending other statutes to ensure consistency: 16-3-213, 16-3-217, and 16-3-321, MCA.

- Amend 16-4-105, MCA, to create an On-Premises Consumption Beer and Wine License rather than an On-Premises Consumption Beer License with a Wine Amendment.
 - This would simplify the licensing process for applicants/licensees and eliminate several licensing codes used by the department for differentiating licenses.
 - The ability to sale wine would automatically come with the license. There would be no additional paperwork for the applicant/licensee to submit to the department.
 - This would include amending other statutes to ensure consistency: 16-4-109, 16-4-110, 16-4-111, 16-4-305, 16-4-420, and 16-4-501, MCA.