

§ 18B-303. Amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be purchased.

(a) Purchases Allowed. – Without a permit, a person may purchase at one time:

- (1) Not more than 80 liters of malt beverages, except draft malt beverages in kegs for off-premises consumption. For purchase of a keg or kegs of malt beverages for off-premises consumption, the permit required by G.S. 18B-403.1(a) must first be obtained;
- (2) Any amount of draft malt beverages by a permittee in kegs for on-premise consumption;
- (3) Not more than 50 liters of unfortified wine;
- (4) Not more than eight liters of either fortified wine or spirituous liquor, or eight liters of the two combined.

(b) Unlawful Purchase. – Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, and in Article 11 of this Chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, or for any person to sell, an amount of alcoholic beverages greater than that stated in subsection (a).

(c) Greater Amounts. – Amounts of alcoholic beverages greater than those listed in subdivisions (a)(3) and (a)(4) may be purchased with a purchase-transportation permit under G.S. 18B-403.

(d) Mixed Beverage Permittee Exception. – A mixed beverage permittee, or an employee of a mixed beverage permittee, may purchase and transport any amount of fortified wine or spirituous liquor for use by the mixed beverage permittee without obtaining a purchase-transportation permit under G.S. 18B-403. An employee of a local board may transport to a mixed beverage permittee any amount of fortified wine or spirituous liquor purchased by the mixed beverage permittee without obtaining a purchase-transportation permit under G.S. 18B-403. An independent contractor employed pursuant to G.S. 18B-701(a)(1), by either a mixed beverage permittee or a local board, shall not be considered an employee of a mixed beverage permittee or a local board for purposes of this subsection. (1905, c. 498, ss. 6-8; Rev., ss. 3526, 3534; C.S., s. 3371; 1937, c. 49, ss. 12, 16, 22; c. 411; 1955, c. 999; 1967, c. 222, ss. 1, 8; c. 1256, s. 3; 1969, c. 1018; 1971, c. 872, s. 1; 1973, c. 1226; 1977, c. 176, s. 1; 1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1138, ss. 8-12, 18; 1979, c. 384, s. 3; c. 609, s. 2; c. 718; c. 893, s. 10; 1981, c. 412, s. 2; 1989, c. 553, s. 1; 1993, c. 508, s. 2; 2001-262, s. 5; 2006-253, s. 3.2; 2019-182, s. 23(a).)