

# **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.