

# AN ACT

To amend sections 4301.62 and 4301.82 and to enact sections 1545.081 and 4303.101 of the Revised Code to revise certain provisions of the liquor control laws.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:*

SECTION 1. That sections 4301.62 and 4301.82 be amended and sections 1545.081 and 4303.101 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 1545.081. Notwithstanding division (C)(1)(b) of section 9.03 of the Revised Code, the board of park commissioners of a park district may use public funds to publish, advertise, or otherwise communicate information regarding activities related to a permit issued to the park district under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4301.62. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Chauffeured limousine" means a vehicle registered under section 4503.24 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Street," "highway," and "motor vehicle" have the same meanings as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor in any of the following circumstances:

(1) Except as provided in division (C)(1)(e) of this section, in an agency store;

(2) Except as provided in division (C) of this section, on the premises of the holder of any permit issued by the division of liquor control;

(3) In any other public place;

(4) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this section, while operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking;

(5) Except as provided in division (D) or (E) of this section, while being in or on a stationary motor vehicle on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(C)(1) A person may have in the person's possession an opened container of any of the following:

(a) Beer or intoxicating liquor that has been lawfully purchased for consumption on the premises where bought from the holder of an A-1-A, A-2, A-2f, A-3a, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-3a, D-4, D-4a, D-5, D-5a, D-5b, D-5c, D-5d, D-5e, D-5f, D-5g, D-5h, D-5i, D-5j, D-5k, D-5l, D-5m, D-5n, D-5o, D-7, D-8, E, F, F-2, F-5, F-7, or F-8 permit;

(b) Beer, wine, or mixed beverages served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-3 permit, wine served as a tasting sample by an A-2 permit holder or S permit holder for consumption on the premises of a farmers market for which an F-10 permit has been issued, or wine

served for consumption on the premises by the holder of an F-4 or F-6 permit;

(c) Beer or intoxicating liquor consumed on the premises of a convention facility as provided in section 4303.201 of the Revised Code;

(d) Beer or intoxicating liquor to be consumed during tastings and samplings approved by rule of the liquor control commission;

(e) Spirituous liquor to be consumed for purposes of a tasting sample, as defined in section 4301.171 of the Revised Code.

(2) A person may have in the person's possession on an F liquor permit premises an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F permit if the premises for which the F permit is issued is a music festival and the holder of the F permit grants permission for that possession on the premises during the period for which the F permit is issued. As used in this division, "music festival" means a series of outdoor live musical performances, extending for a period of at least three consecutive days and located on an area of land of at least forty acres.

(3)(a) A person may have in the person's possession on a D-2 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of wine that was not purchased from the holder of the D-2 permit if the premises for which the D-2 permit is issued is an outdoor performing arts center, the person is attending an orchestral performance, and the holder of the D-2 permit grants permission for the possession and consumption of wine in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the D-2 permit is issued.

(b) As used in division (C)(3)(a) of this section:

(i) "Orchestral performance" means a concert comprised of a group of not fewer than forty musicians playing various musical instruments.

(ii) "Outdoor performing arts center" means an outdoor performing arts center that is located on not less than one hundred fifty acres of land and that is open for performances from the first day of April to the last day of October of each year.

(4) A person may have in the person's possession an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location at which the person is attending an orchestral performance as defined in division (C)(3)(b)(i) of this section if the person with supervision and control over the performance grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of that outdoor location.

(5) A person may have in the person's possession on an F-9 liquor permit premises an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the holder of the F-9 permit if the person is attending either of the following:

(a) An orchestral performance and the F-9 permit holder grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor in certain predesignated areas of the premises during the period for which the F-9 permit is issued;

(b) An outdoor performing arts event or orchestral performance that is free of charge and the F-9 permit holder annually hosts not less than twenty-five other events or performances that are free of charge on the permit premises.

As used in division (C)(5) of this section, "orchestral performance" has the same meaning as in division (C)(3)(b) of this section.

(6)(a) A person may have in the person's possession on the property of an outdoor

motorsports facility an opened or unopened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was not purchased from the owner of the facility if both of the following apply:

- (i) The person is attending a racing event at the facility; and
- (ii) The owner of the facility grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor on the property of the facility.

(b) As used in division (C)(6)(a) of this section:

(i) "Racing event" means a motor vehicle racing event sanctioned by one or more motor racing sanctioning organizations.

(ii) "Outdoor motorsports facility" means an outdoor racetrack to which all of the following apply:

- (I) It is two and four-tenths miles or more in length.
- (II) It is located on two hundred acres or more of land.
- (III) The primary business of the owner of the facility is the hosting and promoting of racing events.
- (IV) The holder of a D-1, D-2, or D-3 permit is located on the property of the facility.

(7)(a) A person may have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor at an outdoor location within an outdoor refreshment area created under section 4301.82 of the Revised Code if the opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor was purchased from ~~a qualified~~ an A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, D class, or F class permit holder to which both of the following apply:

- (i) The permit holder's premises is located within the outdoor refreshment area.
  - (ii) The permit held by the permit holder has an outdoor refreshment area designation.
- (b) Division (C)(7) of this section does not authorize a person to do either of the following:
- (i) Enter the premises of an establishment within an outdoor refreshment area while possessing an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor acquired elsewhere;
  - (ii) Possess an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while being in or on a motor vehicle within an outdoor refreshment area, unless the motor vehicle is stationary and is not being operated in a lane of vehicular travel or unless the possession is otherwise authorized under division (D) or (E) of this section.

(c) As used in division (C)(7) of this section, "D class permit holder" does not include a D-6 or D-8 permit holder.

(8)(a) A person may have in the person's possession on the property of a market, within a defined F-8 permit premises, an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor that was purchased from a D permit premises that is located immediately adjacent to the market if both of the following apply:

- (i) The market grants permission for the possession and consumption of beer and intoxicating liquor within the defined F-8 permit premises;
- (ii) The market is hosting an event pursuant to an F-8 permit and the market has notified the division of liquor control about the event in accordance with division (A)(3) of section 4303.208 of the Revised Code.

(b) As used in division (C)(8) of this section, "market" means a market, for which an F-8 permit is held, that has been in operation since 1860.

(D) This section does not apply to a person who pays all or a portion of the fee imposed for the use of a chauffeured limousine pursuant to a prearranged contract, or the guest of the person, when all of the following apply:

(1) The person or guest is a passenger in the limousine.

(2) The person or guest is located in the limousine, but is not occupying a seat in the front compartment of the limousine where the operator of the limousine is located.

(3) The limousine is located on any street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(E) An opened bottle of wine that was purchased from the holder of a permit that authorizes the sale of wine for consumption on the premises where sold is not an opened container for the purposes of this section if both of the following apply:

(1) The opened bottle of wine is securely resealed by the permit holder or an employee of the permit holder before the bottle is removed from the premises. The bottle shall be secured in such a manner that it is visibly apparent if the bottle has been subsequently opened or tampered with.

(2) The opened bottle of wine that is resealed in accordance with division (E)(1) of this section is stored in the trunk of a motor vehicle or, if the motor vehicle does not have a trunk, behind the last upright seat or in an area not normally occupied by the driver or passengers and not easily accessible by the driver.

(F)(1) Except if an ordinance or resolution is enacted or adopted under division (F)(2) of this section, this section does not apply to a person who, pursuant to a prearranged contract, is a passenger riding on a commercial quadricycle when all of the following apply:

(a) The person is not occupying a seat in the front of the commercial quadricycle where the operator is steering or braking.

(b) The commercial quadricycle is being operated on a street, highway, or other public or private property open to the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking.

(c) The person has in their possession on the commercial quadricycle an opened container of beer or wine.

(d) The person has in their possession on the commercial quadricycle not more than either thirty-six ounces of beer or eighteen ounces of wine.

(2) The legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township may enact an ordinance or adopt a resolution, as applicable, that prohibits a passenger riding on a commercial quadricycle from possessing an opened container of beer or wine.

(3) As used in this section, "commercial quadricycle" means a vehicle that has fully-operative pedals for propulsion entirely by human power and that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) It has four wheels and is operated in a manner similar to a bicycle.

(b) It has at least five seats for passengers.

(c) It is designed to be powered by the pedaling of the operator and the passengers.

(d) It is used for commercial purposes.

(e) It is operated by the vehicle owner or an employee of the owner.

(G) This section does not apply to a person that has in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit holder that is located in the market.

As used in division (G) of this section, "market" means an establishment that:

(1) Leases space in the market to individual vendors, not less than fifty per cent of which are retail food establishments or food service operations licensed under Chapter 3717. of the Revised Code;

(2) Has an indoor sales floor area of not less than twenty-two thousand square feet;

(3) Hosts a farmer's market on each Saturday from April through December.

Sec. 4301.82. (A) As used in this section, ~~"qualified":~~

(1) "Qualified permit holder" means the holder of an A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, A-2f, or D class permit issued under Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code.

(2) "D class permit" does not include a D-6 or D-8 permit.

(B) The executive officer of a municipal corporation or the fiscal officer of a township may file an application with the legislative authority of the municipal corporation or township to have property within the municipal corporation or township designated as an outdoor refreshment area or to expand an existing outdoor refreshment area to include additional property within the municipal corporation or township. The executive officer or fiscal officer shall ensure that the application contains all of the following:

(1) A map or survey of the proposed outdoor refreshment area in sufficient detail to identify the boundaries of the area, which shall not exceed either of the following, as applicable:

(a) Three hundred twenty contiguous acres or one-half square mile if the municipal corporation or township has a population of more than thirty-five thousand as specified in division (D) of this section;

(b) One hundred fifty contiguous acres if the municipal corporation or township has a population of thirty-five thousand or less as specified in division (D) of this section.

(2) A general statement of the nature and types of establishments that will be located within the proposed outdoor refreshment area;

(3) A statement that the proposed outdoor refreshment area will encompass not fewer than four qualified permit holders;

(4) Evidence that the uses of land within the proposed outdoor refreshment area are in accord with the master zoning plan or map of the municipal corporation or township;

(5) Proposed requirements for the purpose of ensuring public health and safety within the proposed outdoor refreshment area.

(C) Within forty-five days after the date the application is filed with the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township, the legislative authority shall publish public notice of the application once a week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. The legislative authority shall ensure that the notice states that the application is on file in the office of the clerk of the municipal corporation or township and is available for inspection by the public during regular business hours. The legislative authority also shall indicate in the notice the date and time of any public hearing to be held regarding the application by the legislative authority.

Not earlier than thirty but not later than sixty days after the initial publication of notice, the legislative authority shall approve or disapprove the application by either ordinance or resolution, as applicable. Approval of an application requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the legislative

authority. Upon approval of the application by the legislative authority, the territory described in the application constitutes an outdoor refreshment area. The legislative authority shall provide to the division of liquor control and the investigative unit of the department of public safety notice of the approval of the application and a description of the area specified in the application. If the legislative authority disapproves the application, the executive officer of a municipal corporation or fiscal officer of a township may make changes in the application to secure its approval by the legislative authority.

(D) The creation of outdoor refreshment areas is limited as follows:

(1) A municipal corporation or township with a population of more than fifty thousand shall not create more than two outdoor refreshment areas.

(2) A municipal corporation or township with a population of more than thirty-five thousand but less than or equal to fifty thousand shall not create more than one outdoor refreshment area.

(3)(a) Except as provided in division (D)(3)(b) of this section, a municipal corporation or township with a population of thirty-five thousand or less shall not create an outdoor refreshment area.

(b) A municipal corporation or township with a population of thirty-five thousand or less may create one outdoor refreshment area if the proposed area will include at least four qualified permit holders and be composed of one hundred fifty or fewer contiguous acres.

For purposes of this section, the population of a municipal corporation or township is deemed to be the population shown by the most recent regular federal decennial census.

(E) As soon as possible after receiving notice that an outdoor refreshment area has been approved, the division of liquor control, for purposes of section 4301.62 of the Revised Code, shall issue an outdoor refreshment area designation to each qualified permit holder located within the refreshment area that is in compliance with all applicable requirements under Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code. The division shall not charge any fee for the issuance of the designation. Any permit holder that receives such a designation shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations that govern its license type, and the applicable public health and safety requirements established for the area under division (F) of this section.

(F)(1) At the time of the creation of an outdoor refreshment area, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township in which such an area is located shall adopt an ordinance or resolution, as applicable, that establishes requirements the legislative authority determines necessary to ensure public health and safety within the area. The legislative authority shall include in the ordinance or resolution all of the following:

- (a) The specific boundaries of the area, including street addresses;
- (b) The number, spacing, and type of signage designating the area;
- (c) The hours of operation for the area;
- (d) The number of personnel needed to ensure public safety in the area;
- (e) A sanitation plan that will help maintain the appearance and public health of the area;
- (f) The number of personnel needed to execute the sanitation plan;
- (g) A requirement that beer and intoxicating liquor be served solely in plastic bottles or other plastic containers in the area.

The legislative authority may, but is not required to, include in the ordinance or resolution

any public health and safety requirements proposed in an application under division (B) of this section to designate or expand the outdoor refreshment area. The legislative authority may subsequently modify the public health and safety requirements as determined necessary by the legislative authority.

(2) Prior to adopting an ordinance or resolution under this division, the legislative authority shall give notice of its proposed action by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

(3) The legislative authority shall provide to the division of liquor control and the investigative unit of the department of public safety notice of the public health and safety requirements established or modified under this division.

(G) If an outdoor refreshment area has been created in accordance with this section, the holder of an F class permit that sponsors an event located in the outdoor refreshment area may apply to the division for issuance of an outdoor refreshment area designation. The division shall issue such a designation if the division determines that the permit holder is in compliance with all applicable requirements established under this chapter and Chapter 4303. of the Revised Code. An F class permit holder that receives a designation under this division shall do both of the following:

(1) Comply with all laws, rules, and regulations that govern its type of permit, and the applicable public health and safety requirements established for the outdoor refreshment area under division (F) of this section;

(2) Not block ingress or egress to the outdoor refreshment area or any other liquor permit premises located within the area.

(H) Section 4399.18 of the Revised Code applies to a liquor permit holder located within an outdoor refreshment area in the same manner as if the liquor permit holder were not located in an outdoor refreshment area.

~~(H)(I)~~(1) Five years after the date of creation of an outdoor refreshment area, the legislative authority of the municipal corporation or township that created the area under this section shall review the operation of the area and shall, by ordinance or resolution, either approve the continued operation of the area or dissolve the area. Prior to adopting the ordinance or resolution, the legislative authority shall give notice of its proposed action by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code.

If the legislative authority dissolves the outdoor refreshment area, the outdoor refreshment area ceases to exist. The legislative authority then shall provide notice of its action to the division of liquor control and the investigative unit of the department of public safety. Upon receipt of the notice, the division shall revoke all outdoor refreshment area designations issued to qualified permit holders within the dissolved area. If the legislative authority approves the continued operation of the outdoor refreshment area, the area continues in operation.

(2) Five years after the approval of the continued operation of an outdoor refreshment area under division ~~(H)(I)~~(1) of this section, the legislative authority shall conduct a review in the same manner as provided in division ~~(H)(I)~~(1) of this section. The legislative authority also shall conduct such a review five years after any subsequent approval of continued operation under division ~~(H)(I)~~

(2) of this section.

~~(I)-(J)~~ At any time, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township in which an outdoor refreshment area is located may, by ordinance or resolution, dissolve all or a part of the outdoor refreshment area. Prior to adopting the resolution or ordinance, the legislative authority shall give notice of its proposed action by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in one newspaper of general circulation in the municipal corporation or township or as provided in section 7.16 of the Revised Code. If the legislative authority dissolves all or part of an outdoor refreshment area, the area designated in the ordinance or resolution no longer constitutes an outdoor refreshment area. The legislative authority shall provide notice of its actions to the division of liquor control and the investigative unit of the department of public safety. Upon receipt of the notice, the division shall revoke all outdoor refreshment area designations issued to qualified permit holders or the holder of an F class permit within the dissolved area or portion of the area.

Sec. 4303.101. (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, a B class permit holder may sell at retail beer, wine, or mixed beverages that the permit holder is authorized to distribute under this chapter, only by the individual drink in glass or from a container, for purposes of on-premises consumption.

(B) A B class permit holder may sell beer, wine, or mixed beverages under division (A) of this section only if the sale is for an event that is hosted by the permit holder and that is either of the following:

- (1) For a charitable, benevolent, cultural, educational, or political purpose;
- (2) Not open to the general public.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 4301.62 and 4301.82 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.



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*Speaker* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the House of Representatives.*

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*President* \_\_\_\_\_ *of the Senate.*

Passed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

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*Director, Legislative Service Commission.*

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*Secretary of State.*

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