

SB 524 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **524**

AN ACT enabling on-premises licensees to deliver liquor to customers who order a meal for home delivery.

SPONSORS: Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Rep. B. Boyd, Hills. 12; Rep. Hunt, Ches. 14; Rep. Potucek, Rock. 13; Rep. Presa, Hills. 12; Rep. Miles, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Commerce

ANALYSIS

This bill enables on-premises licenses to deliver liquor to customers who order a meal for home delivery.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT enabling on-premises licensees to deliver liquor to customers who order a meal for home delivery.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Transportation of Beverages and Wine; Liquor Included. Amend RSA 179:15, III-IV to read as
2 follows:

3 III.(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph II, an on-premises licensee may
4 purchase a restaurant delivery license from the commission for \$250. Such license shall expire one
5 year after the date of issue and may be renewed by an on-premises licensee for \$250 each year.

6 **(b) An on-premises licensee may only deliver or sell for take-out, products such**
7 **licensee is authorized to sell.**

8 ~~[(b)]~~ (c) An on-premises licensee in possession of a restaurant delivery license shall
9 ~~[only]~~ be permitted to transport beverages and wines for delivery to consumers subject to the
10 following requirements:

11 (1) All deliveries of beverages, **liquors**, and wines shall be accompanied by food
12 prepared by the restaurant delivery licensee and ordered by the consumer;

13 (2) All deliveries of beverages, **liquors**, and wine conducted pursuant to this section
14 shall be undertaken during the on-premises licensee's hours of operation and shall be delivered only
15 to areas where the sale of alcoholic beverages is permitted;

16 (3) All deliveries of beverages, **liquors**, and wine shall be solely for the personal
17 consumption of the consumer and not for resale;

18 (4) All beverages and wines transported pursuant to RSA 179:15, II shall be
19 transported in their original, manufactured, sealed containers;

20 (5) **All drinks containing liquor transported pursuant to RSA 179:15, II shall**
21 **be transported in a sealed container provided by the restaurant delivery license. The**
22 **container shall clearly identify the licensee from which the alcoholic beverage was**
23 **purchased. The sealed container shall use a closure that clearly demonstrates when the**
24 **container has been opened.**

25 (6) Any individual engaged in the delivery of beverages and wines pursuant to this
26 section shall be an employee who regularly receives a W-2 from the on-premises licensee and is at
27 least 21 years of age; and

28 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) During deliveries conducted under this section, the person engaged in
29 making the delivery shall acquire a signed receipt from the consumer. Consumers who appear
30 visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know are intoxicated, who do not

1 produce identification verifying the consumer's age, or who fail to sign a receipt shall not be entitled
2 to his or her delivery of beverages, *liquors*, or wine.

3 [~~(e)~~] **(d)** No holder of a restaurant delivery license or on-premises license shall deliver
4 any alcoholic beverage to any college, university, or school, whether public or private, located within
5 the state. No holder of a restaurant delivery license or on-premises license shall deliver any
6 alcoholic beverage to any public library, public playground, or public park.

7 IV. A person holding an on-premises license engaged in take-out services may include
8 beverages, *liquors*, and wine with meals sold to a consumer for consumption by the consumer and
9 not for resale. The requirements set forth in subparagraph III(b) shall apply to any take-out meal
10 sold with beverages, *liquors*, or wine.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.