

**Disclaimer:**

This document is not intended to provide legal advice. Laws on alcohol sales and service may vary greatly by city, county or state. For complete information on the alcohol laws in effect in your region, please contact the liquor authority in your state and/or municipality.

## Florida

<b>STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY</b>	State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1020 Phone: 850-487-1395 Fax: 850-922-5175 Email: <a href="mailto:abt@dbpr.state.fl.us">abt@dbpr.state.fl.us</a> Website: <a href="http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/alcoholic-beverages-and-tobacco/">www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/alcoholic-beverages-and-tobacco/</a>
<b>AGE TO CONSUME</b>	21
<b>CAN MINORS BE EMPLOYED?</b>	Employees under 18 years old may not sell or serve alcohol.
<b>AGE TO SERVE</b>	18
<b>AGE TO POUR</b>	21
<b>AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)</b>	18
<b>MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?</b>	In establishments where sales from food account for more than 50% of total sales, minors are allowed in the establishment. There is no law prohibiting minors to sit at a bar as long as they are not consuming alcohol. Must be at least 18 to work in areas of an establishment that sell or serve alcohol for consumption.
<b>CAN PARENTS SERVE?</b>	No
<b>HOURS OF SERVICE</b>	<b>On Premise Establishments and Off Premise/Retail Stores:</b> Monday thru Sunday: 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 a.m. (unless changed by city or county ordinance an example being Miami-Dade county). <b>Note:</b> Local ordinances may prohibit sales during election hours on any Election day.
<b>ACCEPTED ID'S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid drivers license</li> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• State issued ID card</li> <li>• Military ID</li> </ul>
<b>LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING</b>	.08 BAC
<b>DRAM SHOP LAW</b>	Yes
<b>ID CONFISCATION</b>	Florida does not authorize licensees to confiscate false IDs. Licensees who recognize false IDs should refuse the sale and contact local law enforcement.
<b>HAPPY HOUR &amp; OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS</b>	Florida does not have a specific laws relating to happy hours or drink specials. Licensees do not receive tax breaks on any type of promotion. Licensees may offer food and drink combinations to consumers for a special price.
<b>PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> degree misdemeanor punishable by up to \$5000 fine and/or up to 60 days imprisonment.
<b>WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?</b>	Eleven (11) Florida counties require that warning signs be posted where alcoholic beverages are sold. The state provides funding for signs to be voluntarily posted in other counties. As an inducement to getting the signs posted statewide, the Department of Business & professional Regulation pledged to reduce fines for liquor law violations for those vendors who choose to post them.

## **ADDENDUM: FLORIDA'S DRAM SHOP LAW**

768.125 Liability for injury or damage resulting from intoxication.--A person who sells or furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person of lawful drinking age shall not thereby become liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the intoxication of such person, except that a person who willfully and unlawfully sells or furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person who is not of lawful drinking age or who knowingly serves a person habitually addicted to the use of any or all alcoholic beverages may become liable for injury or damage caused by or resulting from the intoxication of such minor or person.

History.--s. 1, ch. 80-37.