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Kentucky

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Kentucky Kentucky Office Alcoholic Beverage Control 1003 Twilight Trail Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 Phone: 502-564-4850 Fax: 502-564-1442 Website: https://abc.ky.gov/
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	20 (18 and 19 years olds may stock, arrange displays, accept payment for and sack malt beverages under the supervision of person 20 years of age)
AGE TO POUR	20
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	20
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Minors are not allowed on licensed premises. Exceptions to this include the following: hotel, motel, restaurant, convention center, convention hotel complex, racetrack, complex, athletic arena, theater, distillery or brewery or winery tour, establishment where pre-booked concerts with advance ticket sales are held, convenience store, grocery store, drug store or similar establishment. In these locations, all alcoholic beverage inventories must be kept in a separate, locked department at all times when minors are on the premises. Note that under these circumstances, house bands, disc jockeys and karaoke are not considered concerts. In addition, a licensee may submit a request to the Kentucky ABC to allow minors on the premises until 10:00 p.m. for a specific family or community event such as weddings, reunions, or festivals. The licensee's request must be in writing and include a description the specific event for which approval is requested. The state director shall approve or deny the request in writing.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	No
HOURS OF SERVICE	On Premise Establishments and Off Premise/retail Stores: Monday thru Saturday: Local Option- may set hours between 6:00 a.m. until Midnight. Sunday: Local ordinance may vote to permit Sunday sales. Note: Sales of alcohol beverages, either by drink or by the package, are prohibited during the hours the polls are open during any regular, general or primary election.
ACCEPTED ID'S	Not specified by state law
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	Kentucky holds the guest civilly liable, not the licensee or employees --- except if the licensee or server served a visibly intoxicated guest or should reasonably have known that the guest was intoxicated. Also, any person, including the licensee or employee, is civilly liable if they cause or contribute to forcing a guest to drink alcohol, or falsely represent a drink to be non-alcoholic.
ID CONFISCATION	Operators should confiscate fake ID's and turn them over to local police
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Licensees are prohibited from giving away free drinks. If licensed to sell distilled spirits and wine, may offer samples as follows: must be during regular business, must be free, no more than 1 ounce of whine or ½ ounce of distilled spirits samples and 6 wine spirits samples per day per customer. The licensee must notify the Kentucky ABC at least 7 days in advance of the sampling event and limit the event to no more than 4

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	consecutive hours between noon and 8:00 p.m. Also, sales are prohibited to anyone known to the seller who is a habitual drunkard, has been convicted of drunkenness as many as 3 times within the past 12 months, has been convicted of any misdemeanor related to the use of alcoholic beverages, or has been convicted of a felony.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	Class A misdemeanor by up to 1 imprisonment, and/or up to \$500 fine.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Yes, Office of Alcoholic Control supplies 11 x14 signs which must be placed prominently where customer can see. Violators subject to fine. Beverage

ADDENDUM: KENTUCKY'S DRAM SHOP LAW

413.241 Legislative finding -- Limitation on liability of licensed sellers or servers of intoxicating beverages -- Liability of intoxicated person.

(1) The General Assembly finds and declares that the consumption of intoxicating beverages, rather than the serving, furnishing, or sale of such beverages, is the proximate cause of any injury, including death and property damage, inflicted by any intoxicated person upon himself or another person.

(2) Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, no person holding a permit under KRS 243.030, 243.040, 243.050, nor any agent, servant, or employee of the person, who sells or serves intoxicating beverages to a person over the age for the lawful purchase thereof, shall be liable to that person or to any other person or to the estate, successors, or survivors of either for any injury suffered off the premises including but not limited to wrongful death and property damage, because of the intoxication of the person to whom the intoxicating beverages were sold or served, unless a reasonable person under the same or similar circumstances should know that the person served is already intoxicated at the time of serving.

(3) The intoxicated person shall be primarily liable with respect to injuries suffered by third persons.

(4) The limitation of liability provided by this section shall not apply to any person who causes or contributes to the consumption of alcoholic beverages by force or by falsely representing that a beverage contains no alcohol.

(5) This section shall not apply to civil actions filed prior to July 15, 1988.

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