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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.

Louisiana

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Louisiana Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control 7979 Independence Boulevard Suite 101 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806 Phone: 225-925-4041 Fax: 225-925-3975 Website: http://www.atc.rev.state.la.us/
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	18
AGE TO POUR	18
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	18
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	No one under 18
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	Yes, but not under 18. However, 18-20 years olds may consume alcohol in an alcoholic beverage outlet if they are accompanied by a parent, spouse, or legal guardian twenty-one years of age or older.
HOURS OF SERVICE	Local Option only (i.e., check local municipalities and parishes)
ACCEPTED ID'S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Driver's License • Driver's License from another state • State ID • Passport/Visa • Military ID
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	In Louisiana, the consumption of alcohol is considered the cause of any injury – not the state or service of alcohol. No licensee, employee or social host is held liable for damages caused by an intoxicated guest who is 21 years old or older. However, any person who causes or contributes to forcing someone one to consume alcohol, or falsely represents that a beverage is non-alcoholic, is fully liable. One must infer from Louisiana dram shop law that the licensee, employee or social host is liable for service to minors and Louisiana case law backs this up.
ID CONFISCATION	Per the Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control, "there is no written policy when it comes to the responsibility of the licensed permittee and fake ID's. Of course, you would want to get the fake ID from the suspect, however, that may not always be the safest course to go. If it becomes an unsafe situation, then let the suspect leave with the ID. If possible, get the person's name off the ID and notify the police. Do not place your employees in harm's way in order to attempt to secure the fake ID. This is something that each location may want to discuss with their employees and develop some sort of policy."
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Louisiana law prohibits the sale or service of any alcoholic beverages at a price fixed on an "all you can drink" basis after the hour of 10:00 p.m.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	3 rd offense - fine up to \$1200 and 3-10 days suspension.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	None required.

ADDENDUM: LOUISIANA'S DRAM SHOP LAW

RS 9:2800.1

§2800.1. Limitation of liability for loss connected with sale, serving, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages

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

B. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no person holding a permit under either Chapter 1 or Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, nor any agent, servant, or employee of such a person, who sells or serves intoxicating beverages of either high or low alcoholic content to a person over the age for the lawful purchase thereof, shall be liable to such person or to any other person or to the estate, successors, or survivors of either for any injury suffered off the premises, including wrongful death and property damage, because of the intoxication of the person to whom the intoxicating beverages were sold or served.

C.(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, no social host who serves or furnishes any intoxicating beverage of either high or low alcoholic content to a person over the age for the lawful purchase thereof shall be liable to such person or to any other person or to the estate, successors, or survivors of either for any injury suffered off the premises, including wrongful death and property damage, because of the intoxication of the person to whom the intoxicating beverages were served or furnished.

(2) No social host who owns, leases, or otherwise lawfully occupies premises on which, in his absence and without his consent, intoxicating beverages of either high or low alcoholic content are consumed by a person over the age for the lawful purchase thereof shall be liable to such person or to any other person or to the estate, successors, or survivors of either for any injury suffered off the premises, including wrongful death and property damage, because of the intoxication of the person who consumed the intoxicating beverages.

D. The insurer of the intoxicated person shall be primarily liable with respect to injuries suffered by third persons.

E. 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.