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Massachusetts

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 239 Causeway Street, Suite 200 Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2130 Phone: 617-727-3040 Fax: 617-727-1510 Website: www.mass.gov/abcc/
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	18
AGE TO POUR	18
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	18
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Minors are permitted in an establishment provided no alcohol is consumed by the minor.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
HOURS OF SERVICE	On Premise Establishments: Monday thru Saturday 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. municipal liquor licensing authority may grant additional hours, opening from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and/or closing from 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Sunday: Noon until 11:00 p.m., municipal licensing authority may grant additional hours opening from 11:00 a.m. - Noon and/or closing 11:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. in certain cities and towns. Off Premise/Retail Stores: Monday thru Saturday: 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon until 11:00 p.m. at discretion of license holder
ACCEPTED ID'S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid Massachusetts driver license • A valid Massachusetts Liquor Identification Card • A valid Passport issued by the United States government, or by the government recognized by the United States government of a foreign country • A valid United States issued active duty Military Identification Card
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	No
ID CONFISCATION	Massachusetts does not have any statute or state regulation addressing this subject.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Licenses may not: offer single-price, unlimited service drink specials; give free drinks to patrons; encourage any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking; or serve more than two drinks to a patron at one time.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	Punishable by up to \$ 2,000 fine and/or up to 1 year imprisonment.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Not Required

ADDENDUM: MASSACHUSETT'S DRAM SHOP LAW

Chapter 138: Section 34. Sale, delivery or furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under twenty-one years of age; employment of persons under eighteen years of age
Section 34. No person shall receive a license or permit under this chapter who is under 21 years of age. Whoever makes a sale or delivery of any alcoholic beverage or alcohol to any person under 21 years of age, either for his own use or for the use of his parent or any other person, or whoever, being a patron of an establishment licensed under section 12 or 15, delivers or procures to be delivered in any public room or area of such establishment if licensed under section 12, 15, 19B, 19C or 19D or in any area of such establishment if licensed under said section 15, 19B, 19C or 19D any such beverages or alcohol to or for use by a person who he knows or has reason to believe is under 21 years of age or whoever procures any such beverage or alcohol for a person under 21 years of age in any establishment licensed under section 12 or procures any such beverage or alcohol for a person under 21 years of age who is not his child, ward or spouse in any establishment licensed under said section 15, 19B, 19C or 19D or whoever furnishes any such beverage or alcohol for a person under 21 years of age shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year or both. For the purpose of this section the word "furnish" shall mean to knowingly or intentionally supply, give, or provide to or allow a person under 21 years of age except for the children and grandchildren of the person being charged to possess alcoholic beverages on premises or property owned or controlled by the person charged. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person licensed under this chapter from employing any person 18 years of age or older for the direct handling or selling of alcoholic beverages or alcohol.