

Liquor Control

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Effective date: Emergency, April 30, 2015

Outdoor refreshment areas

- Authorizes the creation of outdoor refreshment areas (ORAs).
- Exempts from the Open Container Law any person carrying an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor within an ORA, if the container is purchased from a liquor permit holder with an ORA designation.
- Requires the Division of Liquor Control to issue an ORA designation to any A-1, A-1-A, A-1c, A-2, or D liquor permit holder located within the ORA that is in compliance with the Liquor Control Law and the terms of the holder's permit.
- Limits the number of ORAs that may be created in a municipal corporation or township with a population exceeding 35,000 as follows:
 - One ORA in a municipal corporation or township with a population of 35,001-50,000; and
 - Not more than two ORAs in a municipal corporation or township with a population exceeding 50,000.
- Delays until April 30, 2017, the authority of municipal corporations or townships with populations of 35,000 or less to create ORAs, and limits them to creating one ORA each.
- Requires a municipal corporation or township to adopt public health and safety requirements for ORAs, including boundaries, hours of operation, and a sanitation plan.
- Requires a municipal corporation or township to review the operation of an ORA every five years.

- Authorizes the dissolution of all or a part of an ORA.

Open Container Law – commercial quadricycle exemption

- Exempts from the Open Container Law a person possessing an opened container of beer or wine while a passenger on a commercial quadricycle pedaled solely by human power, under certain circumstances.
- Authorizes the legislative authority of a municipal corporation or township to enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting a passenger on a commercial quadricycle from possessing an opened container of beer or wine.

F liquor permits

- Adjusts the conditions for issuing F-8 liquor permits (allowing alcohol sales at events held on public property) by allowing the Division to issue them in any county with a population exceeding 750,000, rather than any county that had a population between 750,000 and 900,000 on July 10, 2007, as under former law.
- Allows an F liquor permit (authorizing an employer, association, labor union, or charitable organization to purchase and sell beer) to be issued for the same location as an F-8 liquor permit, if the two permits are not exercised concurrently.