

Alcohol Alert - May 6, 2020



Bartenders want Governor to Allow Delivery of Cocktails

The <u>Chicago Tribune reported</u> that bartenders are lobbying the Governor and Legislators to allow home delivery of mixed drinks from bars and restaurants.

After California loosened regulations in March to allow home delivery of mixed drinks, "teens are loading up delivery apps, lying about their age, and buying booze by the boatload".

In California, food and packaging requirements were ignored--"some restaurants have not been selling meals along with the alcohol, and others have simply been pouring alcohol into delivery-style soft drink containers and then just taping the end of the straw, or putting booze into coffee cups and adding a stopper to the top." Read

With so few liquor inspectors, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission will be unable to enforce this law. Underage drinking, drinking and driving, binge drinking, and alcohol abuse could increase if mixed drinks are delivered to homes.

Governor Pritzker could bypass the legislature and issue another Executive Order to allow "cocktails to go".

For Immediate Action

- 1. Write to the Governor, asking him to oppose delivery of mixed drinks to homes.
- 2. Contact your <u>State Representative</u> and <u>Senator</u> and ask them to prevent underage drinking by opposing delivery of Cocktails to homes.
- 3. Forward to 10 others.

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