



ARIZONA LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

Dear ALBA Members,

Although this legislative session is not yet complete liquor bill (HB 2185) has worked its way through the house and senate and was signed Monday by the Governor.

Dozens of meetings, hard work and compromise come with the success of this bill. Ideas for change come from our industry and I would encourage all ALBA members to become more involved in the process.

As always, we welcome your ideas and ALBA will continue promote and support any legislation that is positive for our industry.

Don Isaacson's message to ALBA members

Governor Hobbs signed HB 2185, the 2024 liquor omnibus bill, Monday 6/10/2024.

HB 2185 is a consensus bill that contains a number of changes to Arizona's liquor code. The bill is the result of a series of meetings with all sectors of the industry including ALBA. ALBA is a statewide trade association that includes as members restaurants, bars, hotels, convenience stores, and other licensed liquor retailers.

HB 2185 does the following:

1. Requires approval by the president of a state university if a special event, as defined by the liquor code, will be conducted on the university premises.
2. Permits a restaurant with sales of food totaling ninety percent or more to deviate from the normal thirty percent limit on liquor for sales of liquor "to go."
3. Permits the Director of DLLC to issue concurrent festival licenses for farm wineries, craft distilleries, and microbreweries.
4. Permits the Director of DLLC to issue new replacement licenses to qualifying individuals in circumstances where other license holders have surrendered their licenses.
5. Permits the Director to issue to a single licensee a series 6 license and series 9 license at the same location.
6. Makes a number of consensus changes at the request of DLLC, cities and licensees to the "extended premises" provision, first enacted in 2022.
7. Modifies the physical requirements for areas that are used for liquor sampling in stores with off-sale privileges.

All of the changes listed above have been reviewed and approved by the DLLC, the various liquor industry sectors and the League of Arizona Cities and Towns.

ALBA thanks and congratulates the Legislature and Governor Hobbs for enacting HB 2185.

Respectfully,

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“NO ONE OF US IS AS POWERFUL AS ALL OF US TOGETHER”

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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