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Alabama

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 2715 Gunter Park Drive West Montgomery, Alabama 36109 Phone: 334-271-3840 Fax: 334-277-2150 General Email Address: rvp@abcboard.state.al.us ABC Website: www.abcboard.state.al.us
AGE TO CONSUME	21
CAN MINORS BE EMPLOYED?	YES (SEE BELOW)
AGE TO SERVE	19 & 20 year olds may serve alcohol in an establishment holding a retail restaurant license, provided that the licensee is annually certified in the Responsible Vendor Program.
AGE TO POUR	21
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	Any age, with adult present
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Minors are permitted in any establishment except for those holding only a lounge license. It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	Minors are never under any circumstances allowed to legally consume or possess alcohol in the state of Alabama.
HOURS OF SERVICE	On-Premise Establishments & Off-Premise/Retail Stores Monday through Saturday: may be open until 2:00 a.m. Closed Sunday. Exceptions - limited Sunday sales: Huntsville City, Montgomery City and Baldwin County - on premise only; Mobile County, Macon County, City of Auburn and Jefferson County - on and off premise. State Liquor Stores Hours vary - no sales before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. Closed Sunday. Other Private Clubs may sell seven days a week, but only on-premise sales on Sunday. No restrictions
ACCEPTED ID'S	(1) Valid driver's license issued by any state and bearing the photograph of the presenting person; (2) United States Uniform Service Identification (military ID); (3) Valid passport or (4) Valid identification card issued by any state agency for the purpose of identification and bearing the photograph and date of birth of the presenting individual.
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LIABILITY	Licensee and server are civilly liable for causing intoxication by illegally selling alcoholic beverages (i.e., to visibly intoxicated guests or minors).
ID CONFISCATION	Alabama law does not authorize licensees to confiscate false IDs. However, some establishments have chosen to take this step. Any seized ID should be turned over to the local police department or Alabama ABC immediately.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	As long as the full price is paid, there is no limit on the number of drinks that can be served. However, it is unlawful to (1) serve multiple drinks for a single price (no "two-for-one's"), (2) establish a single retail price based upon the required purchase of two or more drinks, (3) sell or serve drinks before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. at a price which is reduced from the usual, customary retail price, or (4) sell or provide free or reduced price drinks to an individual or a group for less than the general public is charged on that day.

Alabama (continued)

PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR

1st offense: Misdemeanor punishable by \$100 to \$1,000 fine. In addition, 1st offense may be imprisoned up to 6 months;
2nd offense: fine plus 3-6 months imprisonment;
3rd and subsequent offenses: fine plus 6-12 months imprisonment.

WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?

Not required.

ADDENDUM: ALABAMA DRAM SHOP LAW

Section 6-5-71

Right of action of wife, child, parent, or other person for injury in consequence of illegal sale or disposition of liquor or beverages.

(a) Every wife, child, parent, or other person who shall be injured in person, property, or means of support by any intoxicated person or in consequence of the intoxication of any person shall have a right of action against any person who shall, by selling, giving, or otherwise disposing of to another, contrary to the provisions of law, any liquors or beverages, cause the intoxication of such person for all damages actually sustained, as well as exemplary damages.

(b) Upon the death of any party, the action or right of action will survive to or against his executor or administrator.

(c) The party injured, or his legal representative, may commence a joint or separate action against the person intoxicated or the person who furnished the liquor, and all such claims shall be by civil action in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

(Acts 1909, No. 191, p. 63; Code 1923, §§5674, 5675; Code 1940, T. 7, §§121, 122.)

Section 6-5-70

Furnishing liquor to minors.

Either parent of a minor, guardian, or a person standing in loco parentis to the minor having neither father nor mother shall have a right of action against any person who unlawfully sells or furnishes spirituous liquors to such minor and may recover such damages as the jury may assess, provided the person selling or furnishing liquor to the minor had knowledge of or was chargeable with notice or knowledge of such minority. Only one action may be commenced for each offense under this section.

(Code 1907, §2467; Code 1923, §5673; Code 1940, T. 7, §120.)