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Tennessee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission 226 Capitol Boulevard, Room 300 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0755 Phone: 615-741-1602 Fax: 615-741-0847 General Internet Web Site: www.state.tn.us/abc/
AGE TO CONSUME	21
AGE TO SERVE	18
AGE TO POUR	18
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	18
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Admittance to establishments that serve alcohol is a decision left up to the establishment. However, if an establishment limits access only to those 21 or older, the policy must be uniformly enforced.
CAN PARENTS SERVE THEIR MINOR CHILDREN?	No.
HOURS OF SERVICE	On Premise Establishments: Monday to Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Sundays: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. unless municipality has opted. If so, then Noon to 3:00 a.m. Off Premise / Retail Establishments: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sundays: Prohibited.
ACCEPTED ID'S	Drivers licenses are generally considered the only acceptable form of identification.
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	Licenseses and servers can be held liable for serving to minor or visibly intoxicated guest.
ID CONFISCATION	Tennessee law does not allow licenseses to confiscate false IDs. Licenseses who recognize an ID as false should contact a TABC agent or the local police.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Licenseses may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, give free drinks to patrons, or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. Licenseses may not offer Happy Hour specials after 10:00 pm or serve more than one drink to a person at one time.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to \$2,500 fine and possibly 11 months, 29 days imprisonment. A person who buys for or at the request of an underage person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by: 1 st offense - \$25-500 fine and up to 30 days community service; subsequent offenses - \$50-\$1,000 fine and up to 30 days community service.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Yes. Tennessee statute 57-1-211

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ADDENDUM: TENNESSEE'S DRAM SHOP LAW

57-10-101. Proximate cause.

The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the consumption of any alcoholic beverage or beer rather than the furnishing of any alcoholic beverage or beer is the proximate cause of injuries inflicted upon another by an intoxicated person.

57-10-102. Standard of proof.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 57-10-101, no judge or jury may pronounce a judgment awarding damages to or on behalf of any party who has suffered personal injury or death against any person who has sold any alcoholic beverage or beer, unless such jury of twelve (12) persons has first ascertained beyond a reasonable doubt that the sale by such person of the alcoholic beverage or beer was the proximate cause of the personal injury or death sustained and that such person: (1) Sold the alcoholic beverage or beer to a person known to be under the age of twenty-one (21) years and such person caused the personal injury or death as the direct result of the consumption of the alcoholic beverage or beer so sold; or (2) Sold the alcoholic beverage or beer to an obviously intoxicated person and such person caused the personal injury or death as the direct result of the consumption of the alcoholic beverage or beer so sold. [Acts 1986, ch. 519, § 2.