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District of Columbia

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	District of Columbia Alcoholic beverage Regulation Administration 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., 7 th Floor Washington, D.C. 20002 Phone: 202-442-4423 Fax: 202-442-9563 Website: www. Abra.dc.gov
AGE TO CONSUME	21
CAN MINORS BE EMPLOYED?	Employees who are 16 years of age or older may handle alcoholic liquor containers and alcoholic liquor in the course of their employment. This includes removing and disposing of alcoholic liquor containers for the convenience of the employer and customers in the course of their employment. Persons must be 19 years old or older in order to sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Employees must be 21 years old to bartend.
AGE TO SERVE	19
AGE TO POUR	21
AGE TO SELL (PACKAGED LIQUOR)	19
MINORS ALLOWED ON PREMISE?	Minors are permitted in any establishment provided no alcohol is consumed. It is unlawful to serve or sell alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	No
HOURS OF SERVICE	On-Premise Establishments Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am – 2:00 am Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 am Sunday, 10:00 am – 3:00 am Off Premise/Retail Stores For Class A Licenses: Monday thru Saturday., 9:00 am – 10:00 pm For Class B Licenses: Monday thru Sunday, 9:00 am – 10:00 pm Additionally, Class B retailer's licenses which meet the requirements of DC code 25- 303 (c)(i) through (3) may also sell or deliver alcoholic beverages between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm on Sunday and between 10:00 pm and Monday through Sunday, and on December 24 and December 31 of each year. No restrictions.
ACCEPTED ID'S	Drivers license. Valid non-drivers identification
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	No
ID CONFISCATION	Confiscation is not authorized by law it may be done by licensees
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	Licensees may not offer two-for-one drink specials.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	1 st offense: up to \$1000 fine and/or up to 180 days imprisonment 2 nd offense within 2 years: up to \$2500 fine and/or up to 180 days imprisonment 3 rd and subsequent offenses: up to \$5000 fine and/or up to 1 year imprisonment.
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Yes. A licensee shall post in a conspicuous place, in accordance with regulations, a sign which reads: "Warning: Drinking alcoholic beverages during pregnancy can cause birth defects." These are available free of charge from the DC liquor Board.