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Tennessee

STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY	State of Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission 500 James Robertson Parkway, 3 rd Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0755 Phone: 615-741-7545 Fax: 615-741-0847 Website: https://www.tn.gov/
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, sell or permit the furnishing or selling of alcohol to anyone under the age of 21. Minors may not frequent licensed establishments unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or are under the supervision of an adult over 25 years of age. An adult over the age of 25 may be an employee of the licensed establishment as long as the employee is not performing other employment-related duties, whose only function is that of supervision. Other wise, proper supervision shall consist of unpaid volunteers. The following supervision rules apply to both employees and non-employees of the licensed establishment: (a) If a minor is frequenting a licensed premise with proper supervision, each supervisor can supervise up to 20 minors. (b) Licensees located in cities of the first class- each supervisor can supervise up to 5 minors. (c) If the minors are on the licensed premises as part of a school-endorsed function, then each supervisor can supervise up to 50 minors. Minors may frequent restaurants with sales of food and non-alcohol beverages equal to 50% of the combined gross sales of food and alcohol beverages when there is only table service of alcohol beverage in that room. Further, minors who frequent under this exception may not have alcohol served at their table. The "Pizza hut" exception does apply for private clubs.
CAN PARENTS SERVE?	21
HOURS OF SERVICE	Both liquor & beer may be sold in restaurants with appropriate licenses on Sunday beginning at 12:00 noon through 3:00 a.m. Monday morning. Retail package stores may sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays between the hours of 10:00 am and 11:00 pm. Retail package stores is prohibited to sell alcoholic beverages on Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter. 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.
ACCEPTED ID'S	Government issued photo ID, If Foreign government ID the language must be able to be interpreted to ensure age.
LEGAL LEVEL OF INTOXICATION WHILE DRIVING	.08 BAC
DRAM SHOP LAW	Notwithstanding the provisions of Proximate Cause, a judgment awarding damages to or on behalf of any party who has suffered injury or death against any person who has sold an alcoholic beverage or beer may be awarded if a jury has determined beyond a reasonable doubt that the sale of the alcoholic beverage or beer by that was the proximate cause of the personal injury or death sustained.
ID CONFISCATION	Tennessee law does not allow licensees to confiscate false IDs. Licensees who recognize an ID as false should contact a TABC agent or the local police.
HAPPY HOUR & OTHER SERVICE RESTRICTIONS	No licensees nor employee or agent of a licensee shall server two or more drinks or containers of alcoholic beverages to a consumer at one time. May not sell, offer to sell, or deliver to any person or group of persons any drinks that are priced less than the price regularly charged for that drink in that size during the same calendar week, except at private functions not open to the public. Nor shall increase the volume of alcohol contained in any such drink during any calendar week without increasing proportionately price regularly charged for such drink. Licensees may not offer Happy Hour specials

	after 10:00 pm.
PENALTIES FOR SERVING OR SELLING TO A MINOR	1 st offense: 7-20 days at \$150 a day 2 nd offense: 10-90 days at \$150 a day within 36 months. 3 rd offense: 60 to revocation at \$150 a day within 36 months
WARNING SIGNS REQUIRED ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL ON FETUS?	Driver's licenses are generally considered the only acceptable form of identification.

ADDEDUM: TENNESSEE 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.]