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Bulletin

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Changes to Illinois Liquor License Requirements for Certain Self-Distribution of Beer and Cider

To: All Illinois Brewers, Class 1 Brewers, and Class 2 Brewers under the Illinois Liquor Control Act

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P.A.100-816, effective August 13, 2018, amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/5-1, et seq., with regard to the sale and distribution of beer, cider, or both beer and cider to Brewer, Class 1 Brewer, and Class 2 Brewer license holders.

The new law also allows a currently licensed Brewer, Class 1 Brewer, or Class 2 Brewer the ability to sell beer, cider, or both beer and cider to non-licensees at their breweries.



Can a Class 1 Brewer self-distribute to another Brewer, Class 1 Brewer, or Class 2 Brewer?

Yes. A Class 1 Brewer license holder with a self-distribution exemption may self-distribute its product to retail licensees and Brewer, Class 1 Brewer, and Class 2 Brewer license holders. Brewer and Class 2 Brewer license holders cannot self-distribute and must instead use a licensed distributor.

Can a Wine Manufacturer or Wine Maker self-distribute cider to a Class 1 Brewer or Class 2 Brewer?

No. A Wine Manufacturer or Wine Maker license holder cannot self-distribute to Brewer, Class 1 Brewer, or Class 2 Brewer license holders. The self-distribution exemption for wine manufacturers or wine makers is limited to sales to retail licensees. Sales to Brewers, Class 1 Brewers, or Class 2 Brewers must instead go through a licensed distributor.