

SENATE FILE NO. SF0042

Resort hotel liquor licenses.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Gierau and Barlow and
Representative(s) Byron and Wylie

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages; authorizing resort
2 hotel liquor licenses; specifying requirements for the
3 resort hotel liquor license and licensees; making
4 conforming amendments; providing and amending definitions;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 12-4-416 is created to read:

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11 **12-4-416. Resort hotel liquor licenses; authorized;**
12 **requirements.**

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14 (a) The appropriate licensing authority in a county,
15 city or town may issue resort hotel liquor licenses to

1 applicants who are owners or lessees of a resort hotel that
2 satisfies all requirements specified in subsection (b) of
3 this section.

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5 (b) To qualify for a resort hotel liquor license
6 under this section, the appropriate licensing authority
7 shall require the resort hotel to:

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9 (i) Have an actual valuation of, or the
10 applicant shall commit to expend or have actually expended
11 on the resort hotel, not less than five million dollars
12 (\$5,000,000.00). Any valuation under this paragraph shall
13 include the value of the land on which the resort hotel is
14 located;

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16 (ii) Include a restaurant as defined by W.S.
17 12-1-101(a)(xiv);

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19 (iii) Include within the resort hotel not less
20 than twenty (20) sleeping rooms for short-term occupancy;

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22 (iv) Provide dining services to guest rooms for
23 not less than twelve (12) hours each day; and

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2 (v) Provide facilities for business meetings
3 that can accommodate not less than fifty (50) participants.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 12-1-101(a)(viii)(intro), (T) and by
6 creating a new subparagraph (W), 12-4-103(a)(iii), 12-4-403
7 through 12-4-405, 12-4-414(b)(iv), 12-4-415(b)(iv) and
8 12-5-201(f) are amended to read:

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10 **12-1-101. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this title:

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14 (viii) "Licensee" means a person holding ~~a~~any
15 one (1) or more of the following:

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17 (T) Special malt beverage permit issued
18 under W.S. 12-4-504; ~~or~~

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20 (W) Resort hotel liquor license.

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22 **12-4-103. Restrictions upon license or permit**
23 **applicants and holders; license limitation per person.**

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2 (a) A license or permit authorized by this title
3 shall not be held by, issued or transferred to:

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5 (iii) Any person who does not own the building
6 or hold a written lease for the period for which the
7 license will be effective containing an agreement by the
8 lessor that alcoholic or malt beverages may be sold upon
9 the leased premises, except as provided by paragraph (iv)
10 of this subsection. This paragraph shall not be interpreted
11 to prevent the use of a resort liquor license or a resort
12 hotel liquor license by a contractor or subcontractor as
13 permitted by W.S. 12-4-403(b);

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15 **12-4-403. Population formula not applicable;**
16 **contracting for services.**

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18 (a) The provisions authorizing resort liquor licenses
19 and resort hotel liquor licenses shall have no application
20 to the population formula limiting retail liquor licenses
21 as provided by W.S. 12-4-201.

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1 (b) A resort liquor licensee or a resort hotel liquor
2 licensee may contract or subcontract for the provision of
3 food and beverage services on the licensed premises.
4 However, the ~~resort liquor~~ licensee shall remain subject to
5 all applicable laws, rules, regulations and penalties
6 including the provisions of W.S. 12-2-306 and 12-7-103.

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8 **12-4-404. Sale of beverages for off-premises**
9 **consumption prohibited.**

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11 Resort liquor licensees and resort hotel liquor licensees
12 shall not sell alcoholic or malt beverages for consumption
13 off the premises owned or leased by the licensee, except
14 pursuant to a catering permit. The dispensing of alcoholic
15 or malt beverages licensed to be sold hereunder shall be
16 controlled by W.S. 12-5-201 and, if a catering permit has
17 been issued, by W.S. 12-4-502(b).

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19 **12-4-405. Annual fee.**

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21 The annual fee for a resort liquor license and a resort
22 hotel liquor license shall be not less than five hundred

1 dollars (\$500.00) nor more than three thousand dollars
2 (\$3,000.00).

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4 **12-4-414. Winery permits; authorized; conditions;**
5 **satellite winery permits; direct shipment of wine; fees;**
6 **off-premises permits.**

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8 (b) The local licensing authority:

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10 (iv) Shall assess a fee of not less than three
11 hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than five hundred
12 dollars (\$500.00) payable annually in advance for each
13 winery permit. When dual ownership of a winery permit and a
14 liquor license exists, no additional fee shall be assessed
15 other than the retail, restaurant, bar and grill, resort
16 hotel or resort license fee.

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18 **12-4-415. Microbrewery permits; authorized;**
19 **conditions; fees.**

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21 (b) The local licensing authority:

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1 (iv) Shall assess a fee of not less than three
2 hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than five hundred
3 dollars (\$500.00) payable annually in advance for each
4 microbrewery permit. When dual ownership of a microbrewery
5 permit and a liquor license exists, no additional fee shall
6 be assessed other than the retail, restaurant, bar and
7 grill, resort hotel or resort license fee.

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9 **12-5-201. Location, regulation and restrictions as to**
10 **place of sale; inspections.**

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12 (f) A holder of a resort hotel liquor license, a
13 resort retail liquor license, a golf club that holds a
14 retail liquor license, a restaurant liquor license or a
15 club limited retail liquor license or a holder of a retail
16 liquor license or restaurant liquor license operating on a
17 guest ranch may dispense alcoholic beverages from any
18 location within the boundaries of the licensee's premises.
19 Any holder of a resort hotel liquor license may sell an
20 unopened bottle of liquor or wine to a registered guest not
21 less than twenty-one (21) years of age for consumption on
22 the holder's premises. The premises shall be a single
23 property within a contiguous boundary upon which the

1 licensee is located and which shall be identified in the
2 license. Any location on the premises where alcoholic
3 beverages are dispensed as approved by the licensing
4 authority shall comply with applicable sanitation and fire
5 hazard requirements and other applicable laws. The
6 licensing authority shall, as often as necessary, inspect
7 the licensed location where alcoholic beverages are
8 dispensed to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with
9 sanitation and fire hazard requirements.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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