

ENROLLED ACT NO. 7, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2025 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

(a) The appropriate licensing authority in a county, city or town may issue resort hotel liquor licenses to applicants who are owners or lessees of a resort hotel that satisfies all requirements specified in subsection (b) of this section.

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

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

(ii) Include a full-service restaurant that shall be open during regular business hours. At the discretion of the appropriate licensing authority, variances to this time requirement may be granted on a seasonal basis. As used in this paragraph, "full-service

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restaurant" means a restaurant where waiters deliver food and drink offered from a printed food menu to patrons at tables or booths and that has a dining room or rooms, kitchen and the number and kind of employees necessary for the preparing, cooking and serving of meals;

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

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

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

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

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

(a) As used in this title:

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

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

(W) Resort hotel liquor license.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resort liquor licensees and resort hotel liquor licensees shall not sell alcoholic or malt beverages for consumption off the premises owned or leased by the licensee, except pursuant to a catering permit. The dispensing of alcoholic

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or malt beverages licensed to be sold hereunder shall be controlled by W.S. 12-5-201 and, if a catering permit has been issued, by W.S. 12-4-502(b).

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

The annual fee for a resort liquor license and a resort hotel liquor license shall be not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

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

(b) The local licensing authority:

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

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

(b) The local licensing authority:

(iv) Shall assess a fee of not less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable annually in advance for each microbrewery permit. When dual ownership of a microbrewery permit and a liquor license exists, no additional fee shall

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be assessed other than the retail, restaurant, bar and grill, resort hotel or resort license fee.

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

(f) A holder of a resort hotel liquor license, a resort retail liquor license, a golf club that holds a retail liquor license, a restaurant liquor license or a club limited retail liquor license or a holder of a retail liquor license or restaurant liquor license operating on a guest ranch may dispense alcoholic beverages from any location within the boundaries of the licensee's premises. Any holder of a resort hotel liquor license may sell an unopened bottle of liquor or wine to a registered guest not less than twenty-one (21) years of age for consumption on the holder's premises. The premises shall be a single property within a contiguous boundary upon which the licensee is located and which shall be identified in the license. Any location on the premises where alcoholic beverages are dispensed as approved by the licensing authority shall comply with applicable sanitation and fire hazard requirements and other applicable laws. The licensing authority shall, as often as necessary, inspect the licensed location where alcoholic beverages are dispensed to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with sanitation and fire hazard requirements.

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk