

SB3654



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Kimberly A. Lightford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

235 ILCS 5/7-1	from Ch. 43, par. 145
235 ILCS 5/7-6	from Ch. 43, par. 150

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. Requires an applicant for a retail license to provide the applicant's primary and supplementary email address to which all license-related notices may be served. Provides that certain licenses shall not be revoked or suspended except after a hearing by the State commission with reasonable notice to the licensee served by electronic or other reasonable means (instead of by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested) at least 10 days prior to the hearings at the last known place of business of the licensee or to the licensee's primary or supplemental email address and after an opportunity to appear and defend.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by
5 changing Sections 7-1 and 7-6 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 43, par. 145)

7 Sec. 7-1. An applicant for a retail license from the State
8 Commission shall submit to the State Commission an application
9 in writing under oath stating:

- 10 (1) The applicant's name and mailing address;
- 11 (2) The name and address of the applicant's business;
- 12 (3) If applicable, the date of the filing of the
13 "assumed name" of the business with the County Clerk;
- 14 (4) In case of a copartnership, the date of the
15 formation of the partnership; in the case of an Illinois
16 corporation, the date of its incorporation; or in the case
17 of a foreign corporation, the State where it was
18 incorporated and the date of its becoming qualified under
19 the Business Corporation Act of 1983 to transact business
20 in the State of Illinois;
- 21 (5) The number, the date of issuance and the date of
22 expiration of the applicant's current local retail liquor
23 license;

1 (6) The name of the city, village, or county that
2 issued the local retail liquor license;

3 (7) The name and address of the landlord if the
4 premises are leased;

5 (8) The date of the applicant's first request for a
6 State liquor license and whether it was granted, denied or
7 withdrawn;

8 (9) The address of the applicant when the first
9 application for a State liquor license was made;

10 (10) The applicant's current State liquor license
11 number;

12 (11) The date the applicant began liquor sales at his
13 place of business;

14 (12) The address of the applicant's warehouse if he
15 warehouses liquor;

16 (13) The applicant's Retailers' Occupation Tax (ROT)
17 Registration Number;

18 (14) The applicant's document locator number on his
19 Federal Special Tax Stamp;

20 (15) Whether the applicant is delinquent in the
21 payment of the Retailers' Occupation Tax (Sales Tax), and
22 if so, the reasons therefor;

23 (16) Whether the applicant is delinquent under the
24 cash beer law, and if so, the reasons therefor;

25 (17) In the case of a retailer, whether he is
26 delinquent under the 30-day credit law, and if so, the

1 reasons therefor;

2 (18) In the case of a distributor, whether he is
3 delinquent under the 15-day credit law, and if so, the
4 reasons therefor;

5 (19) Whether the applicant has made an application for
6 a liquor license which has been denied, and if so, the
7 reasons therefor;

8 (20) Whether the applicant has ever had any previous
9 liquor license suspended or revoked, and if so, the
10 reasons therefor;

11 (21) Whether the applicant has ever been convicted of
12 a gambling offense or felony, and if so, the particulars
13 thereof;

14 (22) Whether the applicant possesses a current Federal
15 Wagering Stamp, and if so, the reasons therefor;

16 (23) Whether the applicant, or any other person,
17 directly in his place of business is a public official,
18 and if so, the particulars thereof;

19 (24) The applicant's name, sex, date of birth, social
20 security number, position and percentage of ownership in
21 the business; and the name, sex, date of birth, social
22 security number, position and percentage of ownership in
23 the business of every sole owner, partner, corporate
24 officer, director, manager and any person who owns 5% or
25 more of the shares of the applicant business entity or
26 parent corporations of the applicant business entity; ~~and~~

1 (25) That he has not received or borrowed money or
2 anything else of value, and that he will not receive or
3 borrow money or anything else of value (other than
4 merchandising credit in the ordinary course of business
5 for a period not to exceed 90 days as herein expressly
6 permitted under Section 6-5 hereof), directly or
7 indirectly, from any manufacturer, importing distributor
8 or distributor or from any representative of any such
9 manufacturer, importing distributor or distributor, nor be
10 a party in any way, directly or indirectly, to any
11 violation by a manufacturer, distributor or importing
12 distributor of Section 6-6 of this Act; and-

13 (26) The applicant's primary and supplementary
14 electronic mail addresses to which all license-related
15 notices may be served.

16 In addition to any other requirement of this Section, an
17 applicant for a special use permit license and a special event
18 retailer's license shall also submit (A) proof satisfactory to
19 the Commission that the applicant has a resale number issued
20 under Section 2c of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act or that
21 the applicant is registered under Section 2a of the Retailers'
22 Occupation Tax Act, (B) proof satisfactory to the Commission
23 that the applicant has a current, valid exemption
24 identification number issued under Section 1g of the
25 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and a certification to the
26 Commission that the purchase of alcoholic liquors will be a

1 tax-exempt purchase, or (C) a statement that the applicant is
2 not registered under Section 2a of the Retailers' Occupation
3 Tax Act, does not hold a resale number under Section 2c of the
4 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and does not hold an exemption
5 number under Section 1g of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act.
6 The applicant shall also submit proof of adequate dram shop
7 insurance for the special event prior to being issued a
8 license.

9 In addition to the foregoing information, such application
10 shall contain such other and further information as the State
11 Commission and the local commission may, by rule or regulation
12 not inconsistent with law, prescribe.

13 If the applicant reports a felony conviction as required
14 under paragraph (21) of this Section, such conviction may be
15 considered by the Commission in accordance with Section 6-2.5
16 of this Act in determining qualifications for licensing, but
17 shall not operate as a bar to licensing.

18 If said application is made in behalf of a partnership,
19 firm, association, club or corporation, then the same shall be
20 signed by one member of such partnership or the president or
21 secretary of such corporation or an authorized agent of said
22 partnership or corporation.

23 All other applications shall be on forms prescribed by the
24 State Commission, and which may exclude any of the above
25 requirements which the State Commission rules to be
26 inapplicable.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-286, eff. 1-1-18.)

2 (235 ILCS 5/7-6) (from Ch. 43, par. 150)

3 Sec. 7-6. All proceedings for the revocation or suspension
4 of licenses of manufacturers, distributors, importing
5 distributors, non-resident dealers, foreign importers,
6 non-beverage users, railroads, airplanes and boats shall be
7 before the State Commission. All such proceedings and all
8 proceedings for the revocation or suspension of a retailer's
9 license before the State commission shall be in accordance
10 with rules and regulations established by it not inconsistent
11 with law. However, no such license shall be so revoked or
12 suspended except after a hearing by the State commission with
13 reasonable notice to the licensee served by electronic or
14 other reasonable means ~~registered or certified mail with~~
15 ~~return receipt requested~~ at least 10 days prior to the
16 hearings at the last known place of business of the licensee or
17 to the licensee's primary or supplemental email address and
18 after an opportunity to appear and defend. Such notice shall
19 specify the time and place of the hearing, the nature of the
20 charges, the specific provisions of the Act and rules
21 violated, and the specific facts supporting the charges or
22 violation. The findings of the Commission shall be predicated
23 upon competent evidence. The revocation of a local license
24 shall automatically result in the revocation of a State
25 license. Upon notification by the Illinois Department of

1 Revenue, the State Commission, in accordance with Section
2 3-12, may refuse the issuance or renewal of a license, fine a
3 licensee, or suspend or revoke any license issued by the State
4 Commission if the licensee or license applicant has violated
5 the provisions of Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax
6 Act. All procedures for the suspension or revocation of a
7 license, as enumerated above, are applicable to the levying of
8 fines for violations of this Act or any rule or regulation
9 issued pursuant thereto.

10 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)