

**SB3656**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

**SB3656**

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

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

235 ILCS 5/5-3

from Ch. 43, par. 118

Amends the Liquor Control Act of 1934. In provisions concerning license fees, removes the alternative license fee for an online renewal of a license. Sets forth license fees for Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5, and Tier 6 BASSET trainer licenses; the Illinois Liquor Control Commission Trainer Course; and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission online BASSET course. Provides that the State Commission may establish any other reasonable fees by administrative rule. Removes language concerning a license renewal fee waiver for certain licenses expiring on or after July 1, 2022 and on or before June 30, 2023. Makes a conforming change.

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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 Section 5-3 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/5-3) (from Ch. 43, par. 118)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-451)

8 Sec. 5-3. License fees. Except as otherwise provided  
9 herein, at the time application is made to the State  
10 Commission for a license of any class, the applicant shall pay  
11 to the State Commission the fee hereinafter provided for the  
12 kind of license applied for.

13 The fee for licenses issued by the State Commission shall  
14 be as follows:

15		<del>Online</del>	<del>Initial</del>
16		<del>renewal</del>	<del>license</del>
17			<del>or</del>
18			<del>non-online</del>
19			<del>renewal</del>

20 For a manufacturer's license:

21	Class 1. Distiller .....	<del>\$4,000</del>	\$5,000
22	Class 2. Rectifier .....	<del>4,000</del>	5,000
23	Class 3. Brewer .....	<del>1,200</del>	1,500

1	Class 4. First-class Wine		
2	Manufacturer .....	<del>750</del>	900
3	Class 5. Second-class		
4	Wine Manufacturer.....	<del>1,500</del>	1,750
5	Class 6. First-class wine-maker....	<del>750</del>	900
6	Class 7. Second-class wine-maker ..	<del>1,500</del>	1,750
7	Class 8. Limited Wine		
8	Manufacturer .....	<del>250</del>	350
9	Class 9. Craft Distiller .....	<del>2,000</del>	2,500
10	Class 10. Class 1 Craft Distiller ..	<del>50</del>	75
11	Class 11. Class 2 Craft Distiller ..	<del>75</del>	100
12	Class 12. Class 1 Brewer .....	<del>50</del>	75
13	Class 13. Class 2 Brewer .....	<del>75</del>	100
14	Class 14. Class 3 Brewer .....	<del>25</del>	50
15	For a Brew Pub License .....	<del>1,200</del>	1,500
16	For a Distilling Pub License .....	<del>1,200</del>	1,500
17	For a caterer retailer's license ..	<del>350</del>	500
18	For a foreign importer's license ..	<del>25</del>	25
19	For an importing distributor's		
20	license.....	<del>25</del>	25
21	For a distributor's license		
22	(11,250,000 gallons		
23	or over) .....	<del>1,450</del>	2,200
24	For a distributor's license		
25	(over 4,500,000 gallons, but		
26	under 11,250,000 gallons) .....	<del>950</del>	1,450

1	For a distributor's license		
2	(4,500,000 gallons or under) ..	<del>300</del>	450
3	For a non-resident dealer's license		
4	(500,000 gallons or over)		
5	or with self-distribution		
6	privileges .....	<del>1,200</del>	1,500
7	For a non-resident dealer's license		
8	(under 500,000 gallons) .....	<del>250</del>	350
9	For a wine-maker's premises		
10	license.....	<del>250</del>	500
11	For a winery shipper's license		
12	(under 250,000 gallons) .....	<del>200</del>	350
13	For a winery shipper's license		
14	(250,000 or over, but		
15	under 500,000 gallons) .....	<del>750</del>	1,000
16	For a winery shipper's license		
17	(500,000 gallons or over) .....	<del>1,200</del>	1,500
18	For a wine-maker's premises		
19	license, second location .....	<del>500</del>	1,000
20	For a wine-maker's premises		
21	license, third location.....	<del>500</del>	1,000
22	For a retailer's license .....	<del>600</del>	750
23	For a special event retailer's		
24	license, (not-for-profit).....	<del>25</del>	25
25	For a beer showcase permit,		
26	one day only .....	<del>100</del>	150

1	2 days or more .....	<del>150</del>	250
2	For a special use permit license,		
3	one day only .....	<del>100</del>	150
4	2 days or more .....	<del>150</del>	250
5	For a railroad license .....	<del>100</del>	150
6	For a boat license .....	<del>500</del>	1,000
7	For an airplane license, times the		
8	licensee's maximum number of		
9	aircraft in flight, serving		
10	liquor over the State at any		
11	given time, which either		
12	originate, terminate, or make		
13	an intermediate stop in		
14	the State.....	<del>100</del>	150
15	For a non-beverage user's license:		
16	Class 1.....	<del>24</del>	24
17	Class 2.....	<del>60</del>	60
18	Class 3.....	<del>120</del>	120
19	Class 4.....	<del>240</del>	240
20	Class 5.....	<del>600</del>	600
21	For a broker's license .....	<del>750</del>	1,000
22	For an auction liquor license .....	<del>100</del>	150
23	For a homebrewer special		
24	event permit .....	<del>25</del>	25
25	For a craft distiller		
26	tasting permit .....	<del>25</del>	25

1	For a BASSET trainer license .....	<del>300</del>	<del>350</del>
2	<u>Tier 1 (1-10 trainers) .....</u>		<u>750</u>
3	<u>Tier 2 (11-20 trainers) .....</u>		<u>1,500</u>
4	<u>Tier 3 (21-30 trainers) .....</u>		<u>3,000</u>
5	<u>Tier 4 (30+ trainers) .....</u>		<u>6,000</u>
6	<u>Tier 5 (Online course only) ....</u>		<u>12,000</u>
7	<u>Tier 6 (In-Person and Online) ..</u>		<u>24,000</u>
8	<u>ILCC Trainer course .....</u>		<u>75</u>
9	<u>ILCC BASSET course (online) .....</u>		<u>10</u>
10	For a tasting representative		
11	license.....	<del>200</del>	300
12	For a brewer warehouse permit .....	<del>25</del>	25
13	For a craft distiller		
14	warehouse permit .....	<del>25</del>	25

15 Fees collected under this Section shall be paid into the  
16 Dram Shop Fund. The State Commission may establish any other  
17 reasonable fees by administrative rule. ~~The State Commission~~  
18 ~~shall waive license renewal fees for those retailers' licenses~~  
19 ~~that are designated as "1A" by the State Commission and expire~~  
20 ~~on or after July 1, 2022, and on or before June 30, 2023.~~  
21 One-half of the funds received for a retailer's license shall  
22 be paid into the Dram Shop Fund and one-half of the funds  
23 received for a retailer's license shall be paid into the  
24 General Revenue Fund.

25 No fee shall be paid for licenses issued by the State  
26 Commission to the following non-beverage users:

1           (a) Hospitals, sanitariums, or clinics when their use  
 2           of alcoholic liquor is exclusively medicinal, mechanical,  
 3           or scientific.

4           (b) Universities, colleges of learning, or schools  
 5           when their use of alcoholic liquor is exclusively  
 6           medicinal, mechanical, or scientific.

7           (c) Laboratories when their use is exclusively for the  
 8           purpose of scientific research.

9           (Source: P.A. 102-442, eff. 8-20-21; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;  
 10          102-699, eff. 4-19-22; 102-1142, eff. 2-17-23; 103-154, eff.  
 11          6-30-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

12           (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-451)

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18	Class 15. Class 3 Craft Distiller ..	<del>175</del>	200
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15 purpose of scientific research.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24;  
17 104-451, eff. 7-1-26.)

18 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes  
19 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text  
20 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section  
21 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does  
22 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes  
23 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other  
24 Public Act.