

§462. Purveyor of spirits

1. License. An agency liquor store may obtain a purveyor of spirits license to conduct unlimited taste-testing events as provided in this section.

[PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

2. License fee. The fee for a purveyor of spirits license is \$500.

[PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

3. Eligibility. An agency liquor store is eligible for a purveyor of spirits license if it meets the following criteria:

A. The agency liquor store has in stock a minimum of 1,500 different product codes. For the purposes of this paragraph, "product code" has the same meaning as in section 461; and [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

B. At least 50% of the agency liquor store sales are from the sale of liquor. [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

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4. Conditions for conducting taste-testing events. The conditions under this subsection apply to taste-testing events under this section.

A. Spirits may not be served to a person who has not yet attained 21 years of age. [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

B. A person who is visibly intoxicated may not be served. [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

C. Spirits served at a taste-testing event under a purveyor of spirits license must be:

(1) Provided by the agency liquor store;

(2) Purchased at the retail price by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event from existing stock available for purchase at the agency liquor store; or

(3) Provided by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event or a spirits supplier, including those licensed under section 1355-A, participating in the taste-testing event and purchased in the State at the retail price. The purveyor of spirits shall maintain and make available to the bureau a record of transactions under this subparagraph. [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

D. Spirits may be poured for the taste-testing event only by the owner or an employee of the agency liquor store, by a sales representative licensed under section 1502 or by the spirits supplier. [PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

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5. Mixed drinks. The purveyor of spirits licensee may provide mixed drinks containing spirits for a taste-testing event.

[PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

6. Spirits containers used for taste-tasting events. Spirits containers that have been opened for a taste-testing event must be resealed and stored in an area not accessible by the public after the taste-testing event.

[PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

7. Rules. The bureau may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[PL 2025, c. 230, Pt. A, §7 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

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