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Illinois Liquor Control Commission

COVID-19 Related Action

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COMPLIANCE DIRECTIVE

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the declaration of a national public emergency, federal, state and local public officials have been required to take extraordinary measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Illinois and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3) and 7(8) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker has issued Executive Order 2020-07 mandating the closure of “all businesses in the State of Illinois that offer food or beverages for on-premises consumption.” ***Executive Order 2020-07, March 16, 2020.***

In consideration of the Governor’s Executive Order, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (“State Commission”) has the responsibility and authority to take necessary actions to protect the “health, safety, and welfare of the People of the State of Illinois. 235 ILCS 5-1-2; 235 ILCS 5/3-12(a)(2); 235 ILCS 5/3-4. Furthermore, the State Commission has the responsibility and authority to ensure that its license holders abide by all State and Federal laws. 11 Ill. Admin. Code 100.30.

Under such responsibility and authority, the State Commission hereby issues the following Compliance Directive:

1. All alcoholic liquor license holders shall cease the sale and service of all beverages and food for the consumption on the licensed premises from 9:00 pm on March 16, 2020 through the end of the calendar day on March 30, 2020. Such license holders include: on-premises and combined retailers, brew pubs, distilling pubs, wine-maker premises, all manufacturer class licenses with on-premises retailing privileges, special events retailers, special-use permit holders, and craft distilling tasting permit holders.
2. All license holders authorized by the State Commission and local liquor control commissions to sell alcoholic liquor, non-alcoholic liquor and food at retail for consumption off the licensed premises ***may conduct “in-person” sales on a “to go” basis only but not for the consumption on the licensed premises.*** License holders that normally have this privilege include: combined (on/off consumption) retailers, off-premises only retailers, brew pubs, distilling pubs, brewers, class 1 brewers, class 2 brewers, class 1 craft distillers, and class 2 craft distillers.