2020 AMENDMENTS TO KANSAS LIQUOR LAWS

The 2020 Legislature passed the following bill amending the Club and Drinking Establishment Act.


Section 26 of the bill effectively codifies Governor Laura Kelly’s executive order allowing certain on-premise licensees to sell cocktails and mixed drinks to-go, in accordance with all other to-go sales requirements. Licensed class A clubs, class B clubs and drinking establishments may allow patrons to remove alcoholic liquor that is not in its original container provided:

(A) It must be legal for the licensee to sell the alcoholic liquor;
(B) each container of alcoholic liquor must have been purchased by a patron on the licensed premises;
(C) the licensee or the licensee’s employee must provide the patron with a dated receipt for the alcoholic liquor; and
(D) before the container of alcoholic liquor is removed from the licensed premises, the licensee or the licensee’s employee must place the container in a transparent bag that is sealed in a manner that makes it visibly apparent if the bag is subsequently tampered with or opened.

The full text of this bill may be viewed at http://www.kslegislature.org/li/.

It is important to note that House Bill 2016 does not change existing law regarding open bottles of beer or wine. These bottles must still be opened, sealed, and placed in a transparent bag with the receipt.

ABC Director policy memos regarding COVID-19 relief
The following policies will expire January 26, 2021:
- March 17, 2020 policy memo regarding distributor deliveries and returns
- March 18, 2020 policy memo regarding sales on the licensed premises

These policies may be viewed at https://www.ksrevenue.gov/abcindex.html

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