



MISSISSIPPI'S LOCAL OPTION ABC LAWS AND REGULATIONS

A GUIDEBOOK FOR ABC PERMIT HOLDERS

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INTRODUCTION

Some basic information on the Local Option ABC Laws and Regulations

Mississippi’s alcoholic beverage industry operates within the confines of a carefully cast partnership between the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Division of the MS Department of Revenue, permit holders, and the alcoholic beverage industry.

The ABC recognizes that permit holders are legitimate business people who have the right to operate their businesses free from over-regulation. At the same time, the ABC understands that the misuse and abuse of alcoholic beverages can pose a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of all Mississippians.

Mississippi’s alcoholic beverage industry is governed by state and federal laws and regulations. By obtaining a permit, business owners assume the responsibility of complying with these laws and regulations. Balancing the need to maintain a profitable business with legal and social responsibilities that protect the public presents a challenge to all owners, managers and employees at permitted establishments.

Knowledge may be the least expensive insurance against the imposition of administrative fines, license suspension or revocation, criminal fines, and lawsuits. Permit holders that demonstrate a clear understanding of Mississippi’s laws and regulations are usually successful in their business endeavors.

The ABC hopes that this guidebook will provide you, your managers, and employees with the information necessary to operate your business in a manner that complies with ABC laws and regulations, curbs underage drinking and the illegal use of alcoholic beverages, and supports responsible consumption.

This guidebook is intended to provide a general understanding, in plain terms, of selected laws and regulations that govern your business. It is not intended to be a precise or comprehensive statement of Mississippi’s laws and regulations. The laws and regulations covered in this guidebook are statistically the areas where the ABC observes the most violations. Each section contains references to applicable state laws and regulations. This will allow you to research further if you have questions. To view a full listing of ABC laws and regulations, go to the MS Dept. of Revenue website at www.dor.ms.gov and navigate to the ABC page.

POSSESSION VS. SALE

The Mississippi Legislature recently passed legislation that makes the entire state wet for possession. This means that there is no longer a dry or wet distinction for counties when it comes to simply possessing alcohol. Regardless of where you are, possession is legal everywhere in the state.

However, this does not mean that sale is similarly legal everywhere. There is still a dry or wet distinction that applies to the sale of alcoholic beverages. If a county is dry for sale, this means that you cannot sell alcoholic beverages in any way in that county regardless of what type of permit you are acting under, including caterers permits. The only exception is if you are in a city that has voted to be wet for sale in the past. If you have any questions relating to whether you can sell alcohol in a particular area, please contact your local ABC Agent.

PERMIT TYPES

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

While there are numerous ABC permit types, each with specific purposes and definitions, there are two main classifications of ABC permits. These are on-premise and off-premise, and have two major differences. Let's discuss this further.

As the name suggests, an on-premise permit allows for the consumption of alcoholic beverages, generally by the drink or glass, by your customers inside your permitted or floor-planned area. These permits are generally issued to restaurants, lounges, private clubs, hotels and casinos. While sales are generally by the drink at these locations, it is lawful to sell wine or champagne by the bottle for consumption on the premises. Additionally, it is allowable to let the customer leave your business with a partially consumed bottle or "doggy bag" the wine if purchased with a meal and certain conditions are met, or even to sell a bottle of wine or champagne with a to-go order so long as 2 entrees are sold along with it.

Hotels are also allowed to deliver bottled alcoholic beverages to overnight guests.

Off-premise permits are issued to package retail outlets. Sales from package retail outlets must be "by the bottle" in the original sealed packaging. Also, customers are not allowed to consume their purchase inside a package retail outlet.

Keep in mind that all permits are issued to a fixed location and floor plan and are not transferrable between locations without authorization and unless certain conditions are met. In other words, you can't pull your permit off the wall and use it at another location. You also can't actually transfer the permit until ABC says it's okay to transfer. You need to keep this in mind before you make any final sales. A good business practice is to contact ABC ahead of time and plan out the transaction with our assistance on making the permit transfer go as smoothly as possible.

Even though a catering permit allows for service at different venues, the permit is still issued to a fixed location. But, this permit type allows for service at different venues. While at a catered venue, all on-premise rules and laws must be followed along with specific catering rules.

As of April 2021, permits are generally only issued inside municipalities that are "wet". The exception to this is other wet areas that hold resort designations.

OBTAINING AN ABC PERMIT AND RENEWALS

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-57)(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

Before ABC permits are issued, a background investigation must be completed. This investigation centers on making sure that two main requirements are met.

First of all, the applicant must meet certain requirements as set forth in state law. The applicant can't be a convicted felon, must generally enjoy a reputation as a law-abiding citizen, and can't be indebted to the State of Mississippi. If the applicant designates a manager to operate his business, the manager must meet the same requirements except that a felony for a non-violent will not automatically prohibit approval (although it may be taken into account). Keep in mind that applicants, once approved, must maintain these requirements while they hold a permit. If you are delinquent on taxes at renewal time, it may keep you from renewing your permit.

Secondly, the proposed business location must be approved and meet state distance requirements. State law says, based on zoning, how far your business must be from a school, church, funeral home or kindergarten. In addition to this, your floor plan must be adequate to allow for storage of stock; and for on-premise locations, construction must allow for adequate control of customers to keep them from entering or leaving your business with a drink.

Approximately sixty (60) days out from the expiration of your permit, you will be notified by mail. At thirty (30) days out, you will again be notified. This provides ample time for you to apply for renewal and have your application processed. If you are late with your renewal, or you have outstanding tax liabilities, the renewal could be denied and your permit may be terminated.

If at any time there are pending changes to your ownership or management structure, you should notify ABC immediately and make sure that you follow the correct procedures and complete the necessary paperwork.

ORDERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.4)(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.20)

Orders from the ABC must be made through MARS. Generally, if you make your order by the established cut-off time, it will be shipped the following day. However, if there is an extended spike in overall demand throughout the state, this could result in longer waiting time for delivery. The ABC issues a new price book and item list each quarter, and this information is also available on-line. During the holidays, plan ahead because of the increase of volume and product availability.

You may also purchase alcoholic beverages from a package retailer that holds a wholesale permit, but you must present a permit identification card to the

wholesale permittee to make such purchases. Not all package stores are wholesalers, so make sure you confirm this before making a purchase. In addition to this, make sure the package retailer completes a wholesale transaction report and provides a copy for you to possess for your records. This report also is your “permission slip” to transport the purchase to your business.

TRAINING SESSIONS AND POINT OF SALE MEDIA

ABC is a big proponent of training and education. If you would like a training session for your staff, contact your local ABC Enforcement Agent or ABC Headquarters. Training sessions are free and can usually be customized to fit your time schedule and needs. Topics include, but aren’t necessarily limited to, ID Checking Tips; Responsible Server Training; and Tips for Reducing Liability for License Holders.

In addition to training sessions, ABC has a good variety of training materials for your employees and point-of-sale media for your business. These items are also free of charge.

GUIDELINES FOR ALL PERMIT TYPES

Selling Alcohol to Minors ***(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-81)***

The sale of alcoholic beverages to minors tops the list of violations that result in administrative actions against permit holders. The bottom line is that you can't sell or provide alcoholic beverages to a person less than twenty-one (21) years of age. There are no exceptions to this in state law. If you or one of your employees violate this law, your business will be facing a one-week suspension of your ABC permit for the first offense. Violations thereafter during the following twelve-month period will result in increasingly harsher suspension periods and then revocation. Every permittee is treated the same when it comes to sale to minor. There is no fine or lesser penalty; there is only suspension and revocation.

Drunken driving accidents remain a leading cause of death for young people in the United States. It is very important that your employees know the law and are trained to properly check identification. It is also important to understand that if you let minors into your business, you are responsible to make sure other patrons don't provide alcoholic beverages to them.

ABC Enforcement personnel will provide free training to your employees. We also have brochures and DVD's that are available to you at no cost.

As a business owner, you are responsible for the acts and omissions of your employees and can be held civilly liable if a minor drinks in your business and is later involved in an accident. While criminal fines are bad, a lawsuit could ruin you financially.

Do the right thing. Don't serve minors or allow them to consume alcoholic beverages inside your business. Establish a system and check identification cards properly. Provide training to your employees and hold them accountable. If you set a tone of compliance, your employees will follow.

Allowing Prohibited Conduct or Criminal Activity on the Premises ***(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.7)***

There are certain types of conduct that are prohibited by ABC regulation. Fraternalization with customers, allowing prostitution, inappropriate attire, and live or recorded performances that could be considered offensive to public decency can get you in trouble. As a business owner, you are responsible for the conduct of your employees, patrons and entertainers. It is your responsibility to review the details of this regulation both with your employees and any entertainment you may hire and stay in compliance. If you have questions about a performance or event, we strongly urge you to contact the Chief of Enforcement prior to the event.

Swimwear competitions are allowed if the dress and conduct of the competitors is otherwise in compliance with the regulation. Swimwear competitions have to be pre-approved by the Chief of Enforcement on a per-event basis. Failure to seek pre-approval could result in administrative action.

Allowing criminal activity on the premises is also against ABC regulation. If you knowingly allow criminals to operate inside your business, you could face administrative action resulting in suspension or revocation of your ABC permit.

Selling Alcoholic Beverages to a Visibly Intoxicated Person

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-83)

While there is no law or regulation that addresses how much alcohol you can serve any particular customer during a given time, the law does state that if someone is visibly intoxicated you must stop alcohol service immediately. If you continue to serve a visibly intoxicated person, your permit could be subject to suspension or revocation. It's a serious matter, and the laws make it clear that the penalty is purposefully harsh.

Slurred speech, inability to walk straight, loss of balance, and boisterous conduct are good indicators that a patron has had too much to drink. For everyone's safety, do your best to get the customer home safe with a friend or call a taxi. If they insist on getting behind the wheel you should contact law enforcement.

Remember, they may have started drinking before they got there and the effects of alcohol may finally be catching up with them. It's not necessarily how much your employees have served the customer; it's about observation and conduct. Back-up your employees when they make the decision to cut somebody off, and do your part in keeping drunk drivers off our roads.

Hidden Ownerships are Prohibited

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-57)

When making application for your ABC Permit, you must disclose all persons who hold financial interest in your business. Each applicant must undergo a background investigation and meet the requirements as set forth in state law. A hidden owner is someone that has a financial interest or control in your business that was not pre-approved and omitted on your application. "Control" includes decision-making and/or pressure from a third party to operate your business in a certain manner. It is illegal for a felon or someone who owes taxes to get an ABC permit. Therefore, we commonly see hidden owners who are convicted felons or owe outstanding tax liabilities. It is also illegal for a person to have a financial interest or control in more than one package store. As a permit holder, you need to be aware that you, and only you, should control your business.

Letting a hidden owner or other third party derive income from your business is unlawful. If you make a false statement on your ABC application or omit information, you could be charged criminally, and your permit would be subject to revocation. If you are planning on any changes to your documented ownership structure, you must contact ABC and gain approval before the changes are made.

Receiving Alcoholic Beverage Stock from Unapproved Sources and Wholesale Violations

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-41)(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.20)

As a business permitted to sell alcoholic beverages, you must either purchase your inventory directly from the ABC and have it shipped to your business; or purchase inventory from a package retail outlet that holds a separate wholesale permit. The only exception to this rule is if you purchase wine from a native winery or distillery upon approval by ABC. If purchasing directly from a native winery or distillery, you can travel to the native winery or distillery, pick up the product, and bring the product back to your store for resale.

A customer can have wine shipped directly from a vineyard to your store for pickup. Under this system, the vineyard will ship the wine to you, and it is then your responsibility to charge all applicable Mississippi taxes and fees as if the wine were purchased from the ABC Warehouse. You may charge a fee to offset your time and expenses for this type of sale. This type of sale is only available for purchases from a vineyard. It is NOT available for on-line purchases from retailers. It is illegal to purchase wine or distilled spirits from on-line retailers and have them shipped into this state. Importing alcoholic beverages into Mississippi except as described above is a crime. While there may be out of state retailers that will sell and ship alcohol to you, don't do it. If you choose to do so, it will result in the suspension or revocation of your permit.

When you were issued your permit, you were provided with a Retailer's Identification Card. This card identifies you to an approved retailer. You should present this card when making purchases from a wholesaler. You should also receive a copy of the wholesale transaction report or sales invoice. This report or invoice is your authority to transport your purchase back to your business. Further, you are required to keep this invoice for three years. If you don't, you won't be able to prove that you paid the proper taxes. The wholesaler is responsible for reporting the sale to ABC so that the Additional Privilege Fees (APF's) can be calculated.

If you purchase alcoholic beverages from an unapproved source or don't follow the wholesale transaction rules you could end up with criminal charges and also be held accountable for any taxes that you may have avoided. Be smart. Don't import out of state alcohol. Make your purchases within the established framework of our control state system.

No Manager or Unapproved Manager

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-57) (Miss. Admin Code Title 35.II.3.9)

The Local Option ABC Law says that if an owner is not present to superintend his business in person, he must hire and obtain ABC approval for a manager. In other words, if you are a business owner and live out of state, routinely travel, or have other business interest or employment, you need to designate a manager to represent you.

ABC conducts background checks on managers, just like owners, and they must meet the same requirements. As stated above, it is the responsibility of the owner to submit all manager applications in a timely fashion. The manager must be approved PRIOR to assuming managerial duties. You cannot just call someone a manager because of the duties he or she performs. He or she is not a manager under ABC law until ABC approval is attained.

Failure to have a manager present or failure to have a manager pre-approved could result in ABC Enforcement personnel requiring that you cease alcoholic beverage sales until the issue is resolved or a disciplinary action. Bottom line: If you don't have an ABC-approved manager present, you don't have a manager present.

Employee Qualifications (General)

(Miss. Admin Code Title 35.II.3.9)

It's illegal to hire someone if they were convicted of a felony within the past three years or were convicted of any crime and sentenced to time in jail within the past year preceding employment.

Drinking or Under the Influence of Alcohol While On-Duty

(Miss. Admin Code Title 35.II.2.19)

It shouldn't have to be explained that it's a bad idea for people selling and serving alcoholic beverages to be intoxicated or under the influence. If you or your employees are on-duty and visibly working, you can't drink alcoholic beverages-and you can't come to work if you've been drinking. As an owner, it's your job to enforce this and hold your employees accountable.

If you decide to drink inside your business, you can't be on duty and have to be completely "off the clock". If you're an owner or manager, this means there must be another manager who is on duty and present to operate and control the business. "Another manager" doesn't mean a bartender who knows how to write out schedules. Every manager has to be approved by ABC. If you don't get the approval, that person is not considered a manager. If you're present with just an

unapproved “manager” acting in control, you’ll be considered the only approved manager on site; and if you’re drinking, you will be committing a violation.

ABC Enforcement personnel are issued portable intoxylizer units. If they or another law enforcement officer suspect that an owner, manager, or employee is under the influence, they may request a breath sample. If you refuse this test, it’s considered sufficient evidence to show a violation.

If employees are under the influence at work, they will lack the ability to make sound decisions and could fail at performing some of their basic functions such as checking identification cards and monitoring patrons for over-consumption. Don’t be an owner that lets this violation jeopardize your permit. If you are visibly working-you don’t need to be drinking.

Illegal Gambling and Gambling Equipment

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-71)

Football or basketball pools, poker games, paying off for credits on video entertainment machines or any other games of chance are not allowed in ABC permitted businesses. On card games, it does not matter if there is a wager or not, and even the “friendly” games are unlawful. Unless you are a casino or business with a Gaming Commission license, allowing gambling or having gaming related equipment or machines in your business could result in criminal and administrative charges. If you’re not sure whether an event or activity would be considered gambling, contact ABC for guidance.

Advertising Alcoholic Beverages

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-85) (Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.2)

It is legal to advertise alcoholic beverages and specials through print and electronic media regardless of where the materials are printed or taped.

In regards to signs and billboards, alcoholic beverage advertisements can’t be displayed in any municipality, county or judicial district which has not voted to go wet for sale.

For electronic media, alcoholic beverages advertisements can’t be shown on television within 5 minutes before or after a show that is primarily intended for children.

Transfers in Ownership

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-67) (Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

You cannot transfer your ABC permit to another party unless you receive prior approval from ABC. If you fail to get such approval, the new owner or transferee will be required to stop selling alcohol until the proper procedure is fulfilled. You

MUST get approval prior to the transfer, and it would be in your best interest to get approval prior to sale. This process requires that information be submitted by both parties. While the transfer process is not overly complicated, there are some requirements you should be aware of before entering into a contract. It is highly recommended that you talk with personnel in the ABC Permit Department if you are contemplating the sale of your business. Our goal is a smooth transition for both you and the buyer.

Maintaining Business Records
(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-73)

As a business owner, you are required to maintain all business records for a period of three (3) years. These records may be kept at your business, or the office of your attorney or accountant. For restaurants, records must be kept in three (3) separate categories: food, beer, and alcoholic beverages. All records must be adequate in substance and generally conform to accepted accounting practices. Business records can be requested for inspection at any time. Failure to keep and provide business records when requested could result in the revocation of your permit.

Tastings
(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51 and 67-1-52)

If you have an on-premises permit, you may conduct tastings at your establishment. You must furnish all alcohol being tasted, and you or your employees must serve all alcohol. Industry representatives are allowed to reimburse you, at fair market value, for the product that was given away to customers. You may not sell any bottles of alcohol for patrons to take with them when they leave.

If you have a package store permit, you may conduct tastings, as well. Either you, your employees, or third parties (including industry representatives) may serve the alcohol. However, you, as the permittee, are responsible for any violations which may occur regardless of who is serving. No one under 21 can sample any product. For wine, a sample can't exceed 1 ¼ ounce and a person can't consume more than 5 ounces a day. For distilled spirits, a sample can't be more than ¼ ounce, and a person can't consume more than 1 ounce per day.

Failure to Display ABC Permit
(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-61)

ABC permits expire one (1) year from the date of issuance. Your valid ABC permit must be prominently displayed inside your business at all times.

Compliance Inspections
(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-91)

ABC Enforcement personnel will normally inspect your business annually. However, you may be inspected on a more frequent basis if ABC believes that violations are occurring. The inspection usually takes a few minutes while several items are checked to make sure you are operating your business in compliance with state law and regulation. Compliance Inspections are also a good time to ask questions about issues affecting your business. At the conclusion of the inspection, the agent conducting the inspection will prepare a report, which will be available for your review on your TAP account.

Going out of Business
(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.4.01)

If you have decided to discontinue your ABC permit, we request that you complete a *Notice of Discontinuance* form and contact the ABC Permit Dept. If you have remaining inventory, we will allow you to sell it, with prior approval, to another ABC permit holder. ABC will only buy back inventory under limited conditions. If ABC does buy your remaining inventory, you will be charged for applicable shipping handling fees. ABC will not buy back items that are dated or delisted. You may not sell inventory to the public after the discontinuance of your permit under any circumstances.

Appeals of Administrative Charges
(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-72)

Violations may result in administrative charges being issued against the permit holder. Disciplinary action includes suspensions, fines, and revocation of the subject permit. If your business is subject to an administrative action, you will receive a notification letter with the MS Department of Revenue's disciplinary decision. If you don't want to accept the decision of the MS Dept. of Revenue, you may appeal your case to the MS Board of Tax Appeals. This appeal must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of receiving the disciplinary notice.

Death or Disability of Permittee
(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.III.3.06)

If the owner of a permitted premises passes away or is disabled in a manner that he or she cannot operate the business, the permittee cannot simply continue to operate. The permittee (or his or her family) must take certain steps to ensure that the permit does not lapse.

In case of death or physical or mental disability of any permittee, the estate or guardianship of the permittee is allowed to operate the permitted business for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days after the death or disability. During the 60-day period, a member of the permittee's immediate family must make application to the Department for the unexpired portion of the permit of the decedent to be assigned to him or her.

If the permittee's family wishes to sell the permitted premises, the Executor of the Estate or guardian of the disabled permittee can sell the permittee's alcoholic beverage inventory to another permitted place of business, with the approval of ABC.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR ON-PREMISE PERMIT HOLDERS

Dispensing Alternate Brands without Notice to Customers and Refilling Bottles

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-75) (Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.5.)

If a customer orders a certain brand of alcoholic beverages, you can't substitute an alternate brand without letting the customer know. In addition to this, you can't re-fill alcoholic beverage containers. When a bottle is empty, you must discard it.

"Go-Cups", Floor Plan Violations, and Leisure Recreation Districts ***(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.3)***

Allowing patrons to leave with alcoholic beverages is another area of concern and one of the most common violations that results in administrative actions.

When you applied for your permit, you had to submit a floor plan. Once your permit was approved, this floor planned area became the only approved area where you can sell, store, and allow consumption of alcoholic beverages. Unless you are within a Leisure Recreation District (see below), you are violating the law if you or your employees allow patrons to leave your business with alcoholic beverages. To keep this from happening, you should address known issues within your business that may facilitate patrons being able to leave with a mixed drink. Such issues could include an exit without sufficient monitoring, or an outdoor patio that allows guests to leave the premises without you knowing. It is your responsibility to make sure your employees are aware of this, and that policies are in place to prevent this from happening. Posting signage is an easy and inexpensive way to make patrons aware that they can't leave with a mixed drink. But, ultimately, the best way to keep it from happening is to have employees who make it a priority to be on the look-out as patrons leave.

There are certain areas within the State that have been designated as Leisure Recreation Districts. If you're not sure whether your premises is located in a District, speak to your local ABC Agent or local municipal or county governing body. If your on-premises location is within such a District, you may allow your customers to leave the premises with drinks you sell to them. However, you may never allow patrons to enter your premises from the outside with alcoholic beverages, whether you've sold the drinks to them or not. This means once they leave, they can't come back on premises with an alcoholic beverage drink, even if you sold it to them. It is recommended that you discuss this issue with your local ABC Agent as well as your local municipal or county governing body before allowing patrons to leave with alcoholic beverages.

During special events, such as an outside concert, there is a way to extend your floor plan to accommodate more patrons. A temporary extension will allow you to

extend your floor plan-off of your existing floor plan- into your parking lot or other adjoining area. This will allow the service of alcoholic beverages inside this extended area. Each event must be individually approved by the Chief of Enforcement prior to the event. To be approved for a temporary extension, you must submit a plan and show that you can effectively control the extended area. And just like your existing floor plan, patrons can't leave the extended area with alcoholic beverages. If you don't get approval, you'll be held accountable for patrons who leave your established floor planned area with alcoholic beverages.

Allowing patrons to leave with alcoholic beverages is dangerous and can lead to someone drinking and driving. Furthermore, if a patron leaves your business with a mixed drink, they could easily pass it off to someone that is under twenty-one (21). Finally, alcoholic beverages are best consumed inside a permitted business where patrons can also be monitored for over-consumption.

Similarly, you cannot allow patrons to bring alcohol onto your premises. There is no exception to this rule, even in a Leisure Recreation District. Not only does it violate the law, it keeps you from maintaining a reliable count of how much alcohol a patron has had to drink. You should train your employees to look for any patrons who try to come into your building with an alcoholic beverage.

Sale and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages after Legal Hours

Generally, at on-premise businesses not located in resort areas, the hours of sale are 10:00 AM until 12:00 Midnight with no sales allowed on Sunday. Those are the default hours in state regulation as set by the MS Department of Revenue. However, most municipalities have requested and have been granted an extension of these hours. You can find a listing of all hours included with this Guidebook. Make sure to also check in at www.dor.ms.gov to ensure you have the most up-to-date hours.

(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.4)

For on-premise businesses in resort areas, and unless restricted by the Department of Revenue, alcoholic beverages sales are allowed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.4)

In areas where the hours have been extended, the hours of sale for beer and light wine are automatically extended.

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-3-53)

You are not allowed to sell alcoholic beverages or even allow consumption of alcoholic beverages on your premises after legal hours. It's a good idea to give "last call" in advance and make sure drinks are off the tables at closing time.

The same goes for your employees. If it's after legal hours, they can't drink inside your business when the customers are gone.

It is your responsibility to know the legal hours of sale for your area. If you're unsure about the approved hours of sale for your business, ABC can provide you with the information.

Food Sales and Kitchen Requirements
(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.3)

For on-premises establishments not located in Qualified Resort Areas and not including hotels or common carriers, you must qualify as a restaurant and 25% or more of your total revenue must be derived from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals that are sold or given away. You may not comingle both methods of providing food to your patrons during each annual period. You may only give away or sell food to reach the 25% requirement. In addition to this, you must meet the kitchen equipment guidelines, food service permit guidelines, and employee training as set forth in regulation.

Employee Qualifications-Age
(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.8)

In addition to the general employee guidelines, ABC regulations require that employees be at least eighteen (18) years of age to wait tables and twenty-one (21) years of age to serve as a bartender.

Common Carrier Operating in Water
(Miss. Code Annotated Section 67-1-51(c))

A common carrier may obtain an on-premises permit if, along with all other eligibility requirements, it is (a) certified to carry at least 150 passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least 50 passengers, and (b) operates primarily in the ocean bordering Harrison, Hancock and Jackson counties or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River. Charter vessel/ship owners may be eligible for other permits (see Miscellaneous Permits below).

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR PACKAGE RETAILERS

Sales of Unapproved Items

(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.23)

ABC regulations are pretty clear on what package retailers can sell inside their business. ABC has taken a strict interpretation of state law with further interpretation in regulation. In package stores, you are limited to alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, juices, five (5) or more pound bags of ice, liquid or dry mixers (including margarita salts), corkscrews, and glassware and plastic stemware intended for the service of wine. You cannot have any services provided on your premises if a fee is charged, including check cashing or ATM's. If you have questions on whether or not something is permissible, review the regulation and contact your local ABC Enforcement Agent.

Employee Qualifications-Age

(Miss. Admin. Code Title 35.II.2.8)

In addition to the general employee guidelines, package retail outlet employees who make sales or handle unboxed products must be twenty-one (21) years of age. Persons under twenty-one (21) may be hired to handle or stock sealed cartons and boxes of alcoholic beverages.

Legal Hours of Sale

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-83)

Package retailers must make all sales (and when applicable, all deliveries) between 10:00 AM and 10:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. These hours may not be extended. Package retailers are not allowed to sell on Sunday or Christmas Day.

Sales of Containers less than 50ml in Size

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-75)

Package retailers must sell alcoholic beverages in their original packaging. The smallest unit of measure allowed for sale is 50ml. 25ml shooters that are received as part of a pack may not be broken down further for individual sale.

Multiple Ownerships are Prohibited

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

It is unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, stockholder, or officer or director in a corporation to own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit. Additionally, the above listed

persons who have interest in a package retailer's permit can't be domiciled with someone who owns interest in another package retailer's permit.

Shipment of Wine from Wineries
(Miss. Code Section 67-1-41(12))

A consumer may ship wine from a winery to a package retailer for pickup. The consumer needs to contact the retailer to confirm that it will accept shipment. The wine will already be paid for when it arrives to the retailer's store, but the retailer will still need to collect and remit all applicable taxes that would have been charged had the wine been purchased in Mississippi. The retailer may charge a service fee for receiving and handling the shipment. A retailer can only accept shipment of up to 10 cases of wine per year for any one consumer. Upon receipt of each shipment, the retailer has 2 days to notify the consumer that the shipment has arrived. If the consumer doesn't pick up the wine within 30 days after notification, the wine will be considered to be part of the retailer's inventory and may be sold as such.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR CATERING OPERATIONS

Caterers Must Provide Notice of Upcoming Events

(Miss. Admin Code Title 35.II.3.14)

Caterers must notify the ABC Permit Department ten (10) days prior to catering an event by submitting a *Notification of Catered Function* form.

Catering Permits Must be Displayed at Event

(MS Admin. Code Title 35.II.3.14)

You must prominently display your catering permit at each event.

All Sales Must be made at the Catered Event

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

As a caterer, you must make all sales at the catered event only. If you have a catering permit only, you are not allowed to make sales at your base of operations. You may cater events in any wet area of the state. However, you may not cater events in dry counties or municipalities, including areas in dry counties which meet the definition of “resort” under MS Code Ann. Section 67-1-5(o)(iii). You may cater events in municipalities located in dry counties which have voted to become wet under MS Code Ann. Section 67-1-14(3).

Recurring Use of Catering Permit at Affiliated Location Prohibited

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

You are prohibited from exercising your catering permit on a consistent or recurring basis at a separate fixed location that you own or operate. Your catering permit can't be used to circumvent obtaining an on-premise permit.

Caterers Must Maintain Food Sale Requirements

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

To maintain your caterer's permit, 40% of your annual sales must be from the serving of prepared food.

Catering Staff Must Remain at the Catered Event

(Miss. Code Ann. Section 67-1-51)

While alcoholic beverages are being sold or distributed, you must have catering employees present. All un-sold alcoholic beverages must be removed from the event by the caterer upon conclusion of the event. It is unlawful to “loan out” your catering permit for an event. The caterer and/or his manager or employees must

be present to control the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages until the event is over.

Storage of Alcoholic Beverages at Base of Operation

(Miss. Admin Code 35.11.2.03)

Your alcoholic beverage inventory must be stored at your permitted location. If you also hold an on-premise permit, you must store your catering permit inventory and on-premise permit inventory separately. Co-mingling of inventory is not allowed.

GUIDELINES FOR DELIVERY

On July 1, 2021, a retailer will be able to offer home delivery of alcohol ordered by its patrons based on the type of alcohol permit it has. If a retailer has a beer permit, it will be able to offer delivery for beer, light wine and/or light spirit products. If a retailer has a package retail permit, it will be able to offer delivery for sealed alcoholic beverages, including wines of greater than 5% ABW and distilled spirits of greater than 6% ABW. Patrons can order on-line or over the telephone.

If a retailer wishes to deliver alcohol itself, it will need to obtain a delivery service permit. If a retailer wishes to pay a service to deliver, it will need to enter into a contract with a delivery company that has a delivery service permit.

- The cost of the permit is \$500, plus a \$25 processing fee.
- Deliveries cannot be made further than 30 miles from the retailer's premises.
- Deliveries have to be made within legal hours of sale.
- Deliveries cannot be made in dry areas (see the ABC wet/dry map on its website).
- Deliveries can only be made to someone over the age of 21 and only after confirming the recipient's age through use of scanning software.
- Deliveries cannot be made to anyone who is visibly intoxicated.
- Deliveries cannot be made to other retailers and delivered alcohol cannot be resold.
- Manufacturers and wholesale permittees cannot deliver product directly to consumers.

If a retailer wants to get a delivery permit, it will be expected to provide the following to ABC as part of the application:

- A listing of the training program that the retailer's employees will be required to complete regarding identifying underage persons, intoxicated persons and fake or altered identification.
- Proof of a general liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- Proof of registration with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office.
- A listing of the scanning software technology its employees will use to verify that the recipient of any alcohol is at least 21 years of age.

MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS

Manufacturing Permits

- **Class 1 Manufacturing Permit (Distillery) (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(a))**
Allows the holder to operate a distillery. A retailer may order directly from the distillery and pick-up the product at the distillery after first notifying ABC Warehouse that it is doing so.
- **Distillery Retailer's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(q))**
Allows a distillery to sell sealed and unopened bottles of its product from a retail location on its premises. It also allows a distillery to sell its product to consumers for on-premises consumption within the premises. When selling for on-site consumption, distilleries may serve mixed drinks adding other beverages (alcoholic or not) to the drink so long as the other alcoholic beverage component doesn't exceed 20% of the content. For example, a distillery can serve a mixed drink using its own product, a non-alcoholic beverage and another manufacturer's alcoholic beverage, so long as the other manufacturer's alcoholic beverage makes up 20% or less of the drink. Delivery to customers is not allowed.
- **Class 2 Manufacturing Permit (Winery)(Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(a))**
Allows the holder to operate a winery. A retailer may order directly from the winery and pick-up the product at the winery after first notifying ABC Warehouse that it is doing so.
- **Class 3 Manufacturing Permit (Native Winery)(Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(a))**
Allows the holder to operate a native winery. To qualify to be a native winery, at least 51% of the finished product by volume must be obtained from the fermentation of grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi. A retailer may order directly from the winery and pick-up the product at the winery after first notifying ABC Warehouse that it is doing so.
- **Native Wine Retailer's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(e))**
Allows a native winery to sell sealed and unopened bottles to consumers on the premises or within the immediate vicinity. It also allows product to be sold for on-site consumption. When selling for on-site consumption, native wineries may serve mixed drinks adding other beverages (alcoholic or not) to the drink so long as the other alcoholic beverage component doesn't exceed 20% of the content. For example, a native winery can serve a mixed drink using its own product, a non-alcoholic beverage and another manufacturer's alcoholic beverage, so long as the other manufacturer's alcoholic beverage makes up 20% or less of the drink. Delivery to customers is not allowed.

- **Class 4 Manufacturing Permit (Native Spirits)(Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(a))**
Allows the holder to operate a native distillery. To be a native distillery, at least 51% of the finished product by volume must be obtained from the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi. A retailer may order directly from the distillery and pick-up the product at the distillery after first notifying ABC Warehouse that it is doing so.
- **Native Spirit Retailer's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51)**
Allows a Native Distillery to sell its product on-site to consumers for on-premises consumption or in unopened bottles for off-premises consumption. When selling for on-site consumption, native distilleries may serve mixed drinks adding other beverages (alcoholic or not) to the drink so long as the other alcoholic beverage component doesn't exceed 20% of the content. For example, a native distillery can serve a mixed drink using its own product, a non-alcoholic beverage and another manufacturer's alcoholic beverage, so long as the other manufacturer's alcoholic beverage makes up 20% or less of the drink. Delivery to customers is not allowed.

Specialty Permits

- **Class 1 Temporary Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(f))**
Allows a bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organization to obtain a one-day permit authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages.
- **Class 3 Temporary Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(f))**
Allows a retailer to obtain a one-day permit authorizing the complimentary serving of wine to patrons at an open house or promotional event.
- **Hospitality Cart Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(j))**
Allows a golf course that also holds an on-premises permit to sell alcoholic beverages from a hospitality cart on the golf course.
- **Merchant Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(l))**
Allows the owner of a spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school to obtain permit authorizing the serving of complimentary wine by the glass at the facility, studio, gallery or school.
- **Temporary Alcoholic Beverages Charitable Auction Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(m))**
Allows a charitable organization to obtain a permit for up to 5 days authorizing the organization to raise funds during a live or silent auction.
- **Event Retailer's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(n))**
Allows an event venue to obtain a permit that authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages if food is being served by a caterer. There are other requirements for the type of food that must be served, the size of the event venue and the amount of revenue that must be derived from "event-related fees". See the applicable statute for more details.

- **Temporary Theatre Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(o))**
Allows a charity that owns or operates a theater to obtain a permit for up to 5 days that authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages to patrons during plays or theatrical performances.
- **Charter Ship Operator's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(p))**
Allows the owner of a charter ship meeting certain requirements to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the service of alcoholic beverages brought by customers. Does not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages. Only available in waters south of the three southern-most counties. Ship must (a) be certified to carry at least 150 passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least 50 passengers, (b) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the 3 most southern counties, and (c) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.
- **Charter Vessel Operator's Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51)**
Allows the owner of a charter vessel meeting certain requirements to sell alcoholic beverages to its customers. Vessel must (a) be certified to carry at least 49 passengers, (b) operate only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the 3 most southern counties, extending not further than 1 mile south of such counties, and (c) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters.
- **Festival Wine Permit (Miss. Code Section 67-1-51(r))**
Allows a native winery to transport product made by it to festivals who have a Class 1 temporary permit to sell unopened bottles.

Conclusion

Every permit holder has the important obligation to fully understand and comply with all Local Option Laws and ABC Regulations. The Local Option Laws are listed in Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 67-1-1, *et al.* The ABC Regulations are listed in Mississippi Administrative Code Title 35, Subpart II.

ABC works with permit holders to facilitate compliance and provide guidance. However, the ultimate responsibility lies with you, the business owner. If you violate these laws, your permit could be suspended or revoked, and you could face criminal charges or fines.

As part of our initiative to seek voluntary compliance, we are providing you with this guidebook. This booklet contains a great deal of information, including many of the obligations referenced above. It is being given to you to provide you with a general reference to key issues that you'll face as the holder of an alcoholic beverage permit.

This guidebook is meant to provide you with general information. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of what you can or can't do. We strongly urge you to independently read and review the Local Option Laws and ABC Regulations. If you need any additional guidance, please don't hesitate to contact your local ABC office.

Sincerely,

Pat Daily
Chief of Enforcement

Hours of Sale for Alcoholic Beverages

General Information

- Package stores (off premises sales) may open for business from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- Package stores hours of sale are not extended in resort areas.
- Package stores are not allowed Sunday sales and may not open on Christmas Day.
- On-premises permittees may sell alcoholic beverages at the permitted location between 10:00 a.m. and Midnight, Monday through Saturday.
- On New Years Eve, all on-premises permittees may remain open until 1:00 a.m. New Years Day. If New Year's Eve falls on Sunday, on-premises permittees may open from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
- On-premises permittees in areas granted resort status by the Commissioner are exempt from the above hours-of-operation restrictions.
- Sales of alcoholic beverages are not limited or restricted on election days.
- Beer may be sold for off-premises consumption 24/7; however, the hours for sale for off-premises consumption may be restricted by local ordinance. Beer sales on Sunday may be restricted by local ordinance.
- The hours for on-premises sales of beer is 7:00 a.m. to Midnight, seven days a week. Through local ordinance, municipal or county governments may further restrict, but not extend, the hours for on-premises sales of beer.
- If the hours for selling alcoholic beverages is extended, then the hours for beer sales are extended to the same hours of sale as alcoholic beverages for that community or resort area.

Extended (or reduced) Hours of Sale for Alcoholic Beverages

In certain specified areas the hours for sale are extended or restricted. The areas where the hours of sale have been extended or restricted are listed below. Not all qualified resort areas are included in this listing but, only

those resorts that encompass an entire city or other distinctive geographical area.

City or County	Monday to Saturday Hours	Sunday Hours
Aberdeen	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Batesville	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Bay St. Louis	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Biloxi	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Brandon	11:00 a.m. to Midnight	11:00 a.m. to Midnight
Brookhaven	On-Premises: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Package: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
Byram	M-Th: 10 a.m. to Midnight F-Sat: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Byram Resort Area	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Canton	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Chickasaw County clubs within the 2nd Judicial District	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	12:01 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Clarksdale	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Clay County Clubs outside Municipalities	M-F: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sat: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Clay County Municipalities	Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Cleveland note: package stores closed New Years Day and Thanksgiving Day	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Clinton	11:00 a.m. to Midnight	11:00 a.m. to Midnight
Coahoma County casino resort area	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Columbia	M-F: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Sat: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight	No Sunday sales
Columbus	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Columbus County Clubs	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Como	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Copiah County Clubs outside Municipalities	12:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	12:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Corinth	10:00 a.m. to Midnight, on premises permits;	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on premises permits

	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., package stores	
D'Iberville	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
D'Iberville (Galleria)	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Fayette	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	No Sunday Sales after 2:00 a.m.
Fernwood Country Club	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	No Sunday Sales after 2:00 a.m.
Flowood, resort area	7:00 a.m. to Midnight	7:00 a.m. to Midnight
Forrest County clubs outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	Noon to Midnight
Grenada	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Greenville, except resort area	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	Noon to 2:00 a.m.
Greenville casino resort area	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Greenwood	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Greenwood Country Club	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	Noon to 2:00 a.m.
Gulfport	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Harrison County	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Hattiesburg	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to Midnight
Hazlehurst	7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	No Sunday sales after 3:00 a.m.
Hernando	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Holly Springs	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Noon to 1:00 a.m.
Holmes County clubs outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	Noon to 2:00 a.m.
Horn Lake	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Indianola	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	Noon to 2:00 a.m.
Jackson, City of	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Kosciusko	7:00 a.m. to Midnight	7:00 a.m. to Midnight
Laurel note: package stores close at 8:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Laurel Private Club	12:30 p.m. to Midnight	12:30 p.m. to Midnight
Lee County clubs outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Leflore County clubs outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Leland	M-Th: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight F-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m. to Midnight; no sales between 2:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Lowndes County clubs outside municipalities	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Lowndes County resort areas	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Noon to Midnight
Long Beach	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Marion	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	No Sunday sales after 2:00 a.m.
Marks	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Madison County, Reservoir resort area	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
Madison, City of	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Meridian	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Moss Point	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Natchez	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
New Albany	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	1:00 p.m. to Midnight
Ocean Springs	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Olive Branch	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Oktibbeha County Resort Areas	M-Th: 10:00 a.m. to Mid; F-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.; Any day that MSU has a football game played in Starkville: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Oktibbeha County Clubs outside Municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Noon to 1:00 a.m.
Oxford	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Oxford, Resort Area	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pascagoula	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Pass Christian	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Petal	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	12:00 am. to 2:00 a.m. (following Saturday evening); then, Noon to Midnight, (no sales after 11:59 p.m.)
Philadelphia	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Picayune	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Pike County resort areas	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Plantersville	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	No Sunday sales
Pontotoc	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Port Gibson	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
PRVWSD	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Quitman County Clubs outside Municipalities	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. to Midnight

Richton	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Ridgeland (except resort area)	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Ridgeland Resort Areas	7:00 a.m. to Midnight	7:00 a.m. to Midnight
Sardis	M-W: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight Th-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	No sales after 1:00 a.m.
Senatobia	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Shannon	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	No sales
Shaw	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Southaven	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Starkville	M-W: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight Th-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Exception for M-W on MSU home game day to 1:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Tallahatchie County clubs outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to Midnight	Noon to 10:00 p.m.
Tunica casino resort areas	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Tupelo	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Vaiden	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	No Sunday sales after 2:00 a.m.
Vicksburg, except resort area	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Vicksburg, non-casino resort area	M-W: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.; Th-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Vicksburg, casino resort area	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
Warren County outside municipalities	10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.	Noon to 1:30 a.m.
Waveland	24 hours a day, 7 days a week	
West Point	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	No Sunday sales after 1:00 a.m.
Waynesboro	M-Th: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight; F-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m. to Midnight
West Point	M-Th: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; F-Sat: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Yazoo City	M-Th: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight F-Sat: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.	No Sunday sales after 1:30 a.m.

RECEIPT FOR GUIDEBOOK

By signing below, I acknowledge receipt of *Mississippi's Local Option ABC Laws-A Guide for ABC Permit Holders*. The below named ABC Enforcement Agent discussed general laws and regulations, as well as the specific laws and regulations that are applicable to my business operation. Furthermore, I understand my responsibilities to read, learn and follow the Local Option ABC laws and regulations.

Business Name

Owner's Printed Name (or Approved Manager)

Owner's Signature (or Approved Manager)

ABC Permit No.

Date

ABC ENFORCEMENT AGENT'S VERIFICATION

I, _____, certify that the above named permit holder (or approved manager) was provided with a copy of *Mississippi's Local Option ABC Laws-A Guide for ABC Permit Holders*. I further certify that the general ABC laws and regulations, as well as the specific laws and regulations applicable to the permit type were covered.

ABC Enforcement Agent's Signature

Date

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