

## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 470 (HSB 79)	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> February 12 (23-0)
Committee:	State Government	House Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> March 20 (89-0)
Floor Manager:	Representative Lundgren	Senate Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> April 14 (44-1)
Date:	April 25, 2025	Governor:	<b>SIGNED</b> April 25
Staff:	Jason Covey (1-3626)		

### Department of Revenue Alcohol Bill

- Updated the definition of “canned cocktail” and “mixed drink cocktail” to include drinks made with a beer or wine base.
- Clarifies in code that the state of Iowa or an agency of the state is allowed to hold an alcoholic license.
- Updates code to require license applicants to use the USPS Verified Address for their licensed premise in their application to the Department.
- Codifies current administrative rules on batch cocktails and allows the shelf life of batch cocktails to be as long as the shortest shelf life of all ingredients

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Division I

##### Section 1 – Definitions (Iowa Code 123.3(10,32))

Amends definition of “canned cocktail” and “mixed drink cocktail” to include beverages with a wine or beer bases. This is to include the rise in wine and beer mixed drinks.

##### Section 2 - Retail alcohol licenses — classes (Iowa Code 123.30(1)(a))

Amends to code to clarify that the state of Iowa or a state agency is allowed to hold a liquor license.

##### Section 3 – Retail alcohol licenses — classes (Iowa Code 123.30(3)(b)(2)(c))

Amends code to conform to the definitions changed in section 1 of this bill.

##### Section 4 – Retail alcohol licenses — classes (Iowa Code 123.30(4))

Strikes section of code that is updated by Section 5 of this bill.

##### Section 5 - Retail alcohol licenses — classes (Iowa Code 123.30(5)(a))

NEW SUBSECTION - Allows for a customer to carry an open container from one licensed on-premise location to an immediately adjacent location, another licensed premise that sells the same type of alcohol, a temporary closed public right-of-way, or a private place. Allows owners of the immediate adjacent location to deny entry with an open container.

##### Section 6 - Retail alcohol licenses — application (Iowa Code 123.31(2)(b,c))

Amends to code to clarify that the state of Iowa or a state agency is allowed to hold a liquor license.

Section 7 – Authority under special class “C” retail native wine license (Iowa Code 123.31C(1))

Amends code to conform to the definitions changed in section 1 of this bill.

Section 8 – Class “A” native distilled spirits license — application and issuance — fees (Iowa Code 123.43(2)(b,c))

Amends to code to clarify that the state of Iowa or a state agency is allowed to hold a liquor license.

Section 9 – Class “A” native distilled spirits license — application and issuance — fees (Iowa Code 123.43(5))

NEW SUBSECTION - Native distilleries do not need a 2<sup>nd</sup> license for a noncontiguous location that is approved by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau if it's only separated by a right-of-way or road or if the noncontiguous location is a warehouse.

Section 10 – Miscellaneous prohibitions (Iowa Code 123.49(2)(d)(3))

Amends code to conform to the definitions changed in section 1 this bill, codify current administrative rules on batch cocktails, and allows the shelf life of batch cocktails to be as long as the shortest shelf life of all ingredients.

Section 11 – Class “A” and special class “A” beer permit application and issuance (Iowa Code 123.127(2)(b,c))

Amends to code to clarify that the state of Iowa or a state agency is allowed to hold a liquor license.

Section 12 - Class “A” and special class “A” beer permit application and issuance (Iowa Code 123.127(2)(g))

Strikes the bond requirement for native beer permits. (\$10,000 bond)

Section 13 – Class “A” wine permit application and issuance (Iowa Code 123.175(2)(b,c))

Amends to code to clarify that the state of Iowa or a state agency is allowed to hold a liquor license.

Section 14 - Class “A” wine permit application and issuance (Iowa Code 123.175(2)(g))

Strikes the bond requirement for native wine permits. (\$5,000 bond)

Section 15 – Effective Date

This Division takes effect upon enactment.

**Division II**  
**LICENSE FEE DETERMINATION**

Section 16 – Retail alcohol license fees (Iowa Code 123.36(1)(a)(4))

Updates Code to require the use of the USPS verified address for the licensed premise.

Section 17 – Retail alcohol license fees (Iowa Code 123.36(1)(c)(4))

Updates Code to require the use of the USPS verified address for the licensed premise.

Section 18 – Retail alcohol license fees (Iowa Code 123.36(1)(d)(4))

Updates Code to require the use of the USPS verified address for the licensed premise.

Section 19 – Retail alcohol license fees (Iowa Code 123.36(1)(g)(4))

Updates Code to require the use of the USPS verified address for the licensed premise.

Section 20 – APPLICABILITY

Applies to licenses issued or renewed on or after November 10, 2025.