

CHAPTER 15

AGENCY LIQUOR STORES

§351. Proximity to churches and schools

1. Agency liquor store may not be located within 300 feet of school or church. The bureau may not license an agency liquor store located within 300 feet of any public or private school, church, chapel or parish house.

A. The bureau, after holding a public hearing near the proposed location, may locate an agency liquor store within 300 feet of a church, chapel, parish house or postsecondary school. [PL 1997, c. 373, §38 (AMD).]

[PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §26 (AMD).]

2. Method of measurement. The distance must be measured from the main entrance of the agency liquor store to the main entrance of the school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house by the ordinary course of travel.

[PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §26 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). PL 1987, c. 342, §20 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 373, §38 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §26 (AMD).

§352. Purchase of liquor in state and agency liquor stores; purchase from bureau (REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). PL 1987, c. 342, §21 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 376, §50 (RPR). PL 1991, c. 528, §RRR (AFF). PL 1991, c. 528, §VV4 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 591, §VV4 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 791, §1 (RPR). PL 1993, c. 615, §§2,3 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 373, §39 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §27 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §61 (REV). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §12 (RP).

§352-A. Purchase of spirits from agency liquor stores; purchase from reselling agents

Purchases of spirits by a nonlicensee from an agency liquor store must be made by cash, check, credit card or debit card. Purchases from a reselling agent by a licensee authorized to sell spirits for on-premises consumption must be made by cash, check or electronic funds transfer. [PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §13 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §13 (NEW).

§353. Business hours

Agency liquor stores may be open for the sale and delivery of spirits as provided in section 4, subsection 1 in municipalities that have voted in favor of the sale of spirits for off-premises consumption under local option provisions and in unincorporated places where the sale of liquor for off-premises consumption has been authorized by the county commissioners under section 122. Notwithstanding any local option decisions to the contrary, agency liquor stores may be open from 5 a.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. the following day. [PL 2021, c. 658, §65 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). PL 1991, c. 528, §PP2 (AMD). PL 1991, c. 528, §RRR (AFF). PL 1991, c. 591, §PP2 (AMD). PL 1993, c. 266, §6 (AMD). PL 1997, c. 373, §40 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §28 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §14 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §36 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 74, §3 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 658, §65 (AMD).

§353-A. Business hours

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. B, §1 (NEW). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. B, §6 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 74, §4 (AMD). PL 2021, c. 658, §66 (RP).

§354. Sales to minors or intoxicated persons

An agency liquor store may not sell liquor to a minor or to a visibly intoxicated person. [PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §15 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §29 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §15 (AMD).

§355. Closed in cases of riots; hurricanes; flood

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW). PL 1997, c. 373, §41 (AMD). PL 2005, c. 539, §4 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. V, §30 (AMD). PL 2013, c. 476, Pt. A, §16 (RP).

§356. Flexible hours for certain agency liquor stores

If an agency liquor store is subject to a substantial seasonal variation in business or retail customers based upon tourism or other factors, the agency liquor store may have flexibility in setting seasonal hours. An agency liquor store that establishes seasonal hours under this section shall notify the bureau, in writing, of those seasonal hours. [PL 2019, c. 48, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 2019, c. 48, §1 (NEW).

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