

5. Happy Hour Restrictions

CSAP Primary Prevention Strategies

- Information dissemination
- Community-based process
- Environmental

Strategy

Happy hour restrictions are limits or bans placed on events that promote over-consumption or binge drinking: happy hours, ladies' nights, all-you-can-drink specials or unlimited beverages at a fixed price for a fixed period of time.

Research shows that as the price of alcohol decreases, alcohol consumption, intoxication and drinking/driving increases, especially among minors.

Source: Chaloupka, et al., 2002.

Promotions such as happy hours, drinking contests and "all-you-can-drink" specials encourage over-consumption by reducing prices. These promotions lead to tragic circumstances. Restricting them can prevent negative outcomes.

Source: Grossman, et al., 1998; Chaloupka, et al., 2002.

In 2001, the *Harvard School of Public Health's College Alcohol Study* demonstrated a significant correlation between lower drink prices and higher binge drinking rates among 119 colleges across the United States. This same study demonstrated a reduction in self-reported drinking and driving rates when laws limited underage access to alcohol. This reduction was even greater when these laws were actively enforced.

Source: Wechsler, et al., 2003; NHTSA, 2002; NHTSA, 2004.

Considerations for Planning

Before you attempt to implement any type of restriction or ban, it is important to demonstrate a direct link between "Happy Hour" promotions and alcohol problems and costs in your community. You should gather documented evidence of binge drinking, fights, assaults, alcohol overdose/emergency room admissions, property damage, etc. Obtain data on emergency room admissions and the amount of first responder time spent on alcohol-related overdose situations involving college-age youth. Put a dollar figure to the time and the services needed to respond to these emergencies. Investigate juvenile, probate, district and circuit court caseloads.

Key Terms

- 1. Cover charge:** For the purpose of this strategy, cover charges or entry fees are imposed on the consumer for the purpose of recovering financial losses incurred because of reduced drink prices that result from sponsoring "happy hour" promotions.
- 2. Drink contests:** Contests that involve drinking and award alcoholic beverages as prizes to the winners.
- 3. "Two-for-one":** Discounted alcoholic beverages in which the consumer receives two drinks for the price of one drink.

What percentage of court cases are alcohol-related? What percentage of the cases are linked to over-consumption, underage and college-age drinking?

Once you have gathered substantial evidence that shows the relationship between “happy hour” promotions and alcohol-related problems in the community, proceed with this strategy. For this strategy to be effective, two critical elements must be in place:

1. “Happy Hour” restrictions need to be consistently implemented “across the board.” The fastest way to erode this policy is to have a community environment where some bars are implementing restrictions and others are not.
2. Consistent support from law enforcement. To ensure law enforcement support, it will be necessary to prove a solid link between happy hours and increased alcohol problems including binge drinking, property damage, assaults, overdose, alcohol-related crashes and motor vehicle fatalities. This same strategy will need to be communicated in your public awareness activities and strategies that are targeted to community leadership and the broader community at large.

There are restrictions on at least one type of happy hour or similar type of promotion in most states; however, in a 2005 report by NHTSA called *Preventing Over-Consumption of Alcohol — Sales to the Intoxicated and “Happy Hour” (Drink Special) Laws*, the authors conclude that enforcement of restrictions is low in most states.

Fundamental Steps

1. Review the chart on *State Statutes on Regulations Prohibiting Happy Hours and Other Drink Special Promotions*. Determine the type of happy hour restrictions your state currently has in place, if any.
2. Determine the degree to which current policies are being enforced in your community. *The Assessment Tool on Alcohol Establishment Happy Hour Restrictions* and the *Policy Monitoring Tool* can be used by groups and coalitions to determine whether current happy hour restrictions are being practiced. The results of monitoring specific establishments and resulting problems can be used to demonstrate the need for change.
3. If your state has few restrictions, determine if the evidence you have warrants action to develop bans or restrictions at the city, county, parish or state level. If you lack any type of restriction, or your current policies are weak, the evidence you have may identify the need to strengthen existing policies or develop new ones. Bans and restrictions on drink promotions vary. Begin to develop a new or enhanced regulation or policy that addresses the identified gaps. The following promotional bans are taken from Texas state law and should be taken into consideration. They include bans against:
 - “Two-for-one” promotions or other discounted multiple alcoholic beverage sales.
 - Increasing the volume of alcohol in a drink without increasing the price.
 - Serving more than one free alcoholic beverage to any one person.
 - Fixed-price or “all-you-can-drink” sales.
 - Selling alcoholic beverages at a reduced price for a fixed amount of time.
 - Selling alcoholic beverages at a price contingent on the amount consumed by an individual.

- Reducing drink prices after 11:00 p.m.
 - Selling more than two drinks to a single consumer at one time.
 - Imposing a “cover charge” or entry fee to recover financial losses from reduced drink prices.
 - Drinking contests or awarding alcoholic beverages as prizes.
 - Any practice that encourages consumers to drink to excess or that would impair the ability of the licensee to monitor or control the consumption of alcohol by their customers.
4. Increase the community’s awareness and understanding of this issue and gather community support.
 5. Ensure that coalition members or professional staff are available for interviews. Educate all key people about the data on alcohol-related problems related to happy hour promotions. Make sure all key people focus on two or three key points in all of their written and oral communications.
 6. Hold meetings with individuals in key positions to affect change (e.g., the state liquor control commission or the alcohol beverage control offices that establish happy hour laws, local representatives, law enforcement, elected officials, merchants and neighborhood organizations). Provide examples of the suggested new or revised regulations on happy hour and obtain their support.
 7. Meet with city council members, county commissioners and other identified elected officials and work to enact the new or revised regulations on happy hour within your local community.
 8. Work with your local law enforcement to ensure that both new and existing regulations are adequately enforced. Meet with your local chief of police and/or county sheriff and discuss the relationship between the happy hour promotions and alcohol problems in your community.
 9. Identify immediate, intermediate and long-term outcomes of the strategy. Continue to monitor and evaluate progress.

Helpful Tips and Suggestions

Establishing Support and Obtaining Partners

In the United States, alcohol is an enormous contributor to motor vehicle crashes and other accidents, violent crime and poor health. Extended happy hour and other alcohol promotions facilitate over-consumption of alcohol, and should be banned.

Media Awareness and Advocacy

- Hold a press conference describing the data collected about the number of alcohol-related problems that occur in the community. Discuss how implementing happy hour restrictions can reduce alcohol-related problems and costs to the community. Identify individuals who are affected by this issue and can serve as credible spokespeople. Feature those people at your press conference.
- Try to get media coverage of the problem. Stage your press conference near or at an area where there are, or have been, a large number of alcohol-related accidents/incidents related to happy hour promotions (e.g., bars with heavily attended happy hours).

- Issue press releases highlighting key activities and important events, such as public hearings on potential happy hour ordinances or laws.
- Write letters to the editor about the problems caused by happy hour promotions and how happy hour restrictions can help.
- Write an "Op-Ed" piece.

Meet with hospital administrators and other "first responder" (fire department and law enforcement) management to calculate costs for the time and effort required to address alcohol problems. Costs can also be assessed from city and county government services required to clean up following specific events.

Contact and meet with those responsible for establishing, maintaining and enforcing restrictions on the public sale of alcohol, including:

- Merchants of alcohol establishments
- State liquor control commission or the alcohol beverage control office
- Local planning department
- Elected officials
- Local law enforcement
- Alcohol policy groups and neighborhood organizations affected by this issue
- Media to cover establishments with extended (more than one hour) happy hours to highlight the problems that result

Feature networks or individuals affected by the problem – surrounding businesses, landlords of off-campus housing, neighbors in areas around bars, dean of students from college and universities, emergency room doctors and nurses, a parent who has lost a son or daughter as a result of alcohol misuse, administrators from the city department of public works etc. that is charged with cleaning up community landscapes. Get some of these same people to write a letter to the editor.

Potential Partners

- Administration from local colleges and universities
- First responders (fire departments, law enforcement, ambulance and emergency services)
- Local merchants located near bars that run frequent promotions
- On-premise licensees that support bans and restrictions on alcohol promotions
- Neighborhood organizations for residential areas near bars that host frequent, extended drink promotions
- Parents of kids who have been negatively affected by over-consumption of alcohol
- Specific city officials
- State liquor control commission
- Media – television, newspaper and social media networks like Facebook

Estimated Timeline

- Three to six months for information gathering, assessment and relationship building
- Another three months to one year for policy implementation and revision

Potential Barriers and Obstacles

- Law enforcement may view happy hour restrictions as a low priority
- Merchants may fear that restrictions will reduce profits from alcohol sales
- Lack of data that creates a clear link between drink specials and alcohol problems
- Alcohol industry push-back for any kind of restriction that prohibits reduced pricing
- Community norms that perceive drink specials as “good for all business”
- Lack of knowledge or experience with the political and legislative system

Possible Short- and Long-Term Outcomes

- Use the *Policy Monitoring Tool* (**see the *Suggested Resources* section**) to assess whether current happy hour restrictions are being practiced. Use the results to create community awareness and track the effectiveness of the restrictions in reducing alcohol-related incidents that are reported to law enforcement.

Objective Evaluation Measures

- Lower rates of DUI, alcohol-related crime, injuries, motor vehicle crashes, youth fatalities and alcohol overdoses




Some of this data can be gathered from the state, county or local police department. In addition, there is a web system called the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) organized by NHTSA (www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov) that allows users to access crash data online. Its database can be queried to produce reports at the state, county or city level.

Subjective data can be collected with a survey conducted by volunteers, youth, substance abuse professionals, etc.:

- Public attitudes toward happy hour restrictions
- Awareness about happy hour restrictions

Suggested Resources

Supplemental Resources Related to this Strategy

1. State Statutes or Regulations Prohibiting Happy Hours and Other Drink Special Promotions.....103-104
2. Select State Laws Governing On-Premise Alcohol Sales.....105-115
-  3. Assessment Tool on Alcohol Establishment Happy Hour Restrictions.....117
-  4. Policy Monitoring Form on Happy Hour Restrictions (Evaluation Tool).....119
-  5. Strategic Planning Guide.....243-251

Additional Resources and Information Available at faceproject.org

Links (A browser document called “Helpful Links” is located on the Resource CD for easier navigation.)

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/alcohol/PIREWeb/images/2240PIERFINAL.pdf

Preventing Over-Consumption of Alcohol – Sales to the Intoxicated and “Happy Hour” (Drink Special) Laws

www.state.il.us/lcc/happyhr.htm

Illinois Happy Hour Laws

<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/arh26-1/22-34.pdf>

The Effects of Price on Alcohol Consumption and Alcohol-Related Problems (NIAAA)



State Statutes or Regulations Prohibiting Happy Hours and Other Drink Specials Promotions¹

	Prohibit Happy Hours and/or Drink Specials	Prohibit Free Beverages	Prohibit Additional Servings	Prohibit Reduced Price — Specified Day or Time	Prohibit Unlimited Beverages—Fixed Price, Fixed Time	Prohibit Increased Volume	Prohibit Prizes
Alabama	✓			✓	✓		
Alaska	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Arizona	✓		✓		✓		
Arkansas							
California							
Colorado							
Connecticut	✓		✓		✓		✓
Delaware	✓			✓	✓		✓
District of Columbia							
Florida							
Georgia							
Hawaii							
Idaho							
Illinois	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Indiana	✓		✓	✓			
Iowa							
Kansas	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Kentucky							
Louisiana ²	✓				✓		
Maine	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Maryland							
Massachusetts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michigan	✓				✓		✓
Minnesota							
Mississippi							
Missouri							
Montana							

Nebraska	✓			✓			
Nevada							
New Hampshire							
New Jersey	✓				✓	✓	✓
New Mexico	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
New York	✓	✓			✓		
North Carolina	✓			✓	✓		
North Dakota							
Ohio	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oklahoma	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Oregon ³							
Pennsylvania	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rhode Island	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
South Carolina	✓	✓		✓			
South Dakota							
Tennessee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Texas	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Utah							
Vermont	✓		✓			✓	
Virginia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Washington	✓			✓			
West Virginia							
Wisconsin							
Wyoming							
STATE TOTALS	27	10	16	19	22	12	15

¹ Source: PIRE, 2003. This chart contains data on state statutes and regulations that specifically target happy hour types of promotions. Although some states may have provisions that prohibit awarding alcohol as a prize or providing free beverages in other parts of statutory or regulatory codes as a stand-alone statute or regulation, the information in this chart focuses on states with provisions expressly prohibiting excessive-drinking practices. The categories in the chart are defined as follows: Free beverages — happy hour provisions that specifically prohibit the distribution of free alcoholic beverages; Additional servings — prohibitions against an establishment providing additional servings of alcoholic beverages before previous servings have been consumed; Reduced price — specified day or time — prohibitions against the sale of alcoholic beverages at reduced prices during a specified day or time; Unlimited beverages — fixed price, fixed time — prohibitions against the sale of alcoholic beverages during a fixed period of time for a fixed price; Increased volume — prohibitions against increasing the volume of alcoholic beverages in a drink without increasing the price; Prizes — happy hour provisions that contain specific prohibitions against giving alcoholic beverages as prizes. Checkmarks indicate the presence of a policy. The legal research is current as of January 1, 2003.

² In Louisiana, selling or serving alcoholic beverages at a fixed price after 10 p.m. is prohibited.

³ Although Oregon has no happy hour statute per se, it does have a provision that prohibits providing alcohol as prizes.

Select State Laws Governing On-Premise Alcohol Sales

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STATE	BAC	MINIMUM EMPLOYEE AGES	HAPPY HOUR LAWS	RE-CORKING	SERVING HOUR
<p>ALABAMA</p> <p>Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (334) 271-3840</p>	.08	<p>Sell: 21 (19-20-year-olds can sell at restaurants only if the establishment has complied with the requirements of the Responsible Vendor Service program.)</p> <p>To pour/mix: 21</p> <p>Serve: Generally 21</p> <p>On-premise: 19-20-year-olds can serve at restaurants only if the establishment has complied with the requirements of the Responsible Vendor Service program.</p> <p>Off-premise: Can be under 21 to sell beer or wine with adult in attendance.</p>	<p>As long as the full price is paid, there is no limit on the number of drinks that can be served. Under the Happy Hour regulation listed below, it is unlawful to serve multiple drinks for a single price (two-for-one), but not to serve two at a time. Regulation #20-X-6-13 makes it unlawful to (1) serve multiple drinks for a single price, (2) establish a single retail price based upon the required purchase of two or more drinks, (3) sell or otherwise furnish drinks before 10:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. at a price which is reduced from the usual, customary retail price or (4) sell or provide.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Not after 2 a.m. on Sunday, unless allowed by local ordinance.</p> <p>On other days, alcohol may be served 24 hours unless restricted by local ordinance or regulation.</p> <p>On-premise: Not after 2 a.m. on Sunday, unless allowed by local ordinance.</p> <p>On other days, alcohol may be served 24 hours unless restricted by local ordinance or regulation.</p>
<p>ALASKA</p> <p>Alaska Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (907) 269-0350</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21</p> <p>To pour/mix: 21</p> <p>To serve: 21</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, free drinks for patrons or two-for-one drink specials. Licensees also cannot encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price ONLY if the special is equal to or greater than the normal price of the drink.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal, nor wine carried in by a patron under AK's corkage law.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 5 a.m.</p> <p>On-premise: Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - 5 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 5 a.m.</p>
<p>ARIZONA</p> <p>Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses & Control (602) 542-5141</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 19</p> <p>To pour/mix: 19</p> <p>To serve: 19; unless in an off-premise location with adult present (could then be 16).</p>	<p>Employees serving alcohol beverages may not provide free drinks to patrons or serve more than 32 oz. beer, 1 liter of wine or 4 oz. of distilled spirits to a single person at one time. Licensees may give away free drinks. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. There is no difference between "Happy Hour," "Drink Specials," and/or "Promotions."</p>	<p>Patrons may re-cork and removed a partially consumed bottle of wine as long as it was purchased with a meal and the cork is replaced flush with the bottle. (AZ 244.31)</p>	<p>Off-premise: Mon-Sat: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p> <p>On-premise: Mon-Sat: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p>

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<p>ARKANSAS</p> <p>Arkansas Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (501) 682-8174</p> <p>ABCAdmin@dfa.state.ar.us</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 21 Note: Under 18 may not work anywhere in a licensed establishment.</p>	<p>Licenses may not give patrons free drinks.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for additional compliance details.</p>	<p>No Sunday sales except for mixed drink permit holders, who may stay open until 2 a.m. Sunday, and sell from noon-10 p.m. on Sundays.</p> <p>Off-premise: M-F: 7 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sat: 7 a.m. - Midnight Sun: Prohibited (local option possible)</p> <p>On-premise: Private Clubs: Class A: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Class B: 10 a.m. - 5 a.m. Restaurants: 7 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: Prohibited (local option possible). *Private clubs may operate on all days except Christmas Day. Prohibited by local ordinance.</p>
<p>CALIFORNIA</p> <p>California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control</p> <p>cust.serv@abc.ca.gov</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 21 for bartenders and cocktail servers, 18 to serve alcohol in a bonafide eating place if working in an area primarily designed and used for the sale and service of food, and as an incidental part of a server's overall duties.</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer free drinks, two-for-one drink specials or anything of value in conjunction with the sale of an alcoholic beverage. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price as long as the drink is not free or complimentary. The price paid for a meal alone must be less the price for a meal and an alcoholic beverage together. There is no difference between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions" as these are generic terms used to describe reduced rates for drinks and are permitted as long as the retailer charges a price for the drink which does not under-cut the wholesale price paid.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for compliance details</p>	<p>Off-premise: Mon-Sun: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p> <p>On-premise: Mon-Sun: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>
<p>COLORADO</p> <p>Colorado Dept of Revenue Liquor Enforcement Division (303) 205-2306</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18 Note: To pour/serve must be supervised by someone who is 21 - only in places where full meals are regularly served. Tavern employees must be 21 unless the tavern regularly serves meals.</p>	<p>Colorado does not have specific Happy Hour laws.</p>	<p>Patrons may take one (1) partially consumed bottle of wine up to 750 ml purchased from an establishment with a hotel/restaurant liquor license. Restaurants are not required to do so. Those restaurants who do extend this option to customers are urged to reseal and package the wine to protect against any open container violation.</p>	<p>No restrictions for on-premise sales on Sundays.</p> <p>Off-premise: Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. - Midnight Sun: Prohibited 3.2% Beer only may be purchased from grocery stores on Sunday. Liquor stores are closed on Sunday.</p> <p>On-premise: Mon-Sun: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>
<p>CONNECTICUT</p> <p>Department of Consumer Protection (860) 713-6210</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking.</p>	<p>Regulations pertaining to transportation of unsealed container apply.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-F 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. Sun: Prohibited</p> <p>On-premise: M-Th: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. F-S: 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sundays: 11 a.m. - 1 a.m. on-premise, unless changed by local ordinance. Election Day: Alcohol beverage sales allowed.</p>

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<p>DELAWARE</p> <p>Delaware Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control</p> <p>(302) 577-5222</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 19</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer two-for-one drinks. In addition, drinks may not be sold below cost or given away for free. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. There is no difference between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for compliance details</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: noon - 8 p.m.</p> <p>On-premise: Everyday: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sundays: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m. for restaurants. Christmas and Election Days: No sales restrictions for restaurant licensees.</p>
<p>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</p> <p>Dept. of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs Alcohol Beverage Div.</p> <p>(202) 442-4445</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Prohibited: licensees may not offer two-for-one specials.</p>	<p>District laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Beer, Wine & Spirits: M-Th: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. F: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - Midnight Beer & Wine: M-Sat: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p> <p>On-premise: M-F: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sat: 8 a.m. - 3 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 3 a.m.</p>
<p>FLORIDA</p> <p>Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco</p> <p>(850) 488-3227</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Florida does not have specific laws relating to happy hours or drink specials. Licensees do not receive tax breaks on any type of promotion. Licensees may offer food and drink combinations to consumers for a special price.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Local Ordinances may prohibit sales during election hour on an Election Day.</p> <p>Off-premise: Local Option On-premise: Local Option Sunday Sales: Local Option</p>
<p>GEORGIA</p> <p>Georgia Alcohol & Tobacco Division</p> <p>(404) 417-4900</p>	.08	<p>Note: Ages can be raised via local ordinances. To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Happy Hour laws are regulated by local ordinances. The State of Georgia does not address issues like food and drink combination specials, drink specials and promotions. Please check with local jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for compliance details</p>	<p>Off-premise: Local Option On-premise: Local Option Sunday sales for on-premise consumption are governed by local ordinances. Election day sales are governed by local ordinances.</p>
<p>HAWAII</p> <p>Liquor Commission of the City and County of Honolulu (808) 523-4458</p> <p>Hawaii: 808/961-8218 Kauai: 808/241-6580 Maui: 808/243-7753</p>	.08	<p>[with supervisor over 21 on duty]</p> <p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p> <p>Note: County liquor commissions may adopt stricter standards; contact them for further details.</p>	<p>Hawaii law prohibits giving free drinks to patrons when that drink is connected to the sale of other merchandise. Encouraging or promoting any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking is also prohibited. Under Chapter 281, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a food and drink combination may be offered as long as the liquor is not used as an inducement. Licensees cannot offer the food with the liquor offered "free" if the food item is purchased. State laws do not differentiate between "happy hour," "drink specials" and "promotions." Note: Happy Hour laws vary by locality; contact county liquor commission for further details.</p>	<p>Legislation enacted in 2002 allows county liquor commissions to permit many licensees (incl. restaurants) to allow patrons to remove re-corked/re-sealed wine from premises.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. 6 a.m. - 4 a.m. for Hotels, 8 a.m. - 4 a.m. for Cabarets Sundays: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>

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<p>IDAHO</p> <p>State Liquor Dispensary (208) 947-9400</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 19 To pour/mix: 19 To serve: 19</p>	<p>Idaho does not have official Happy Hour Laws. The law does allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal. Regulations pertaining to transportation of unsealed container apply.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (agency varies) Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. (Local ordinances can extend or limit.) Sun: Permitted only through local option. Election Days: Beer/wine may be sold; no spirits may be sold (must be locked/ secured) until after polls close.</p>
<p>ILLINOIS</p> <p>Illinois Liquor Control Commission (312) 814-2206</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 21 (unless regulated by local ordinance). To pour/mix: 18 (unless regulated by local ordinance). To serve: 18 (unless regulated by local ordinance).</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or serve more than one drink to a single person at one time. Licensees may not provide free drinks or advertise any of the aforementioned practices. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination (meal package) for a special price. Refer to 235 ILCS 516-28(c) (2).</p>	<p>Depends on the licensing held by the restaurant. Contact local enforcement agency for their regulations.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Local option, but no liquor sales on Sunday unless provided by local ordinance. On-premise: Local option, but no liquor sales on Sunday unless provided by local ordinance.</p>
<p>INDIANA</p> <p>Alcohol & Tobacco Commission (317) 232-2469 comments@atc.in.gov</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 for drug/grocery, 21 everywhere else. To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18 to take an order, 19 and 20-year-olds may serve after being certified by Excise Police and given a restricted license.</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer two-for-one drink specials or serve more than one drink upon the order for one. Drink specials must last for the entire business day.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed re-cork and take home wine purchased with a meal. The cautionary statement is to avoid any violation of the open container laws in the area that the wine will then be transported in. Local law enforcement can provide that information.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 3 a.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 3 a.m. Sun: Noon - 12:30 a.m. Christmas: Alcohol sales prohibited. Election Day: No sales while polls are open.</p>
<p>IOWA</p> <p>Alcoholic Beverages Division (866) 469-2223</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 16 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Iowa does not have laws regulating Happy Hours or promotions, but local ordinances may apply. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. "Happy hour," "drink special" and "promotions" are not regulated by Iowa laws.</p>	<p>If the restaurant or bar has the appropriate licensing in place. Contact enforcement agency for details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>
<p>KANSAS</p> <p>Dept. of Revenue 785-296-7015</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 21 to mix or dispense. To serve: 18 18 to serve; Cereal Malt Beverage. 21 to mix, dispense or serve. 18 if no less than 50% of gross receipts are derived from the sale of food.</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or free drinks for patrons. Licensees also may not encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. The law allows for a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price dependent upon the licensee being able to articulate how much of that price was for the drink vs. the food. The same drink would have to be offered for that same price as a solo purchase for the entire day. Regardless of the terminology used, "happy hour," "drink special" and/or "promotion," all drinks have to have the same price throughout the same day/evening.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. (local ordinance could close earlier) Sun: Varies by city under local ordinance. On-premise: M-S: 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 9 a.m. - 2 a.m. Election Days: No state level law - local ordinances may restrict.</p>

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<p>KENTUCKY</p> <p>Alcoholic Beverage Control (502) 564-4850</p> <p>abc.info@ky.gov</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 20 (18 with adult supervision for malt beverages "to go sales" only; other "to go sales").</p> <p>To pour/mix: 20 To serve: 20</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer patrons free or complimentary drinks. The law does allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: Local option can set hours between 6 a.m. - Midnight. Sun: Local ordinance may vote to permit Sunday sales.</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: Local option can set hours between 6 a.m. - Midnight. Sun: Local ordinance may vote to permit Sunday sales. Election Days: Alcohol sales prohibited while polls are open.</p>
<p>LOUISIANA</p> <p>Louisiana Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control (225) 925-4041</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18; under 18 may sell for off-premise consumption when immediately supervised by someone 21 or older.</p> <p>To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>All You Can Drink Limitations Licenses may offer single-priced, unlimited drink specials. All you can drink must end before 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Louisiana law allows re-corked wine to be taken out after dining.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Local Option</p> <p>On-premise: Local Option Sunday sales: Governed by local ordinance.</p>
<p>MAINE</p> <p>Maine Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages 1-800-452-4663 Ext. 2555</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>Note: All require supervisor on duty who is at least 21.</p> <p>To sell: 17 To pour/mix: 17 To serve: 17</p>	<p>Licenses cannot give patrons free drinks, serve more than two drinks to one person at one time or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. Maine distinguishes between "happy hour", "drink special" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>Maine law allows re-corked wine to be taken out after dining.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sundays: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sundays: 9 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p>
<p>MARYLAND</p> <p>Comptroller of Maryland (410) 260-7314</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>Note: All subject to further county regulation.</p> <p>To sell: 18 for beer/light wine, 21 for Class D licenses.</p> <p>To pour/mix: 18 for beer/wine licenses, 21 for beer/wine/liquor licenses.</p> <p>To serve: 18 for beer and wine licenses, 21 for beer, wine & liquor licenses.</p>	<p>City/County Liquor Control Boards are empowered to regulate Happy Hours on a local level. All alcohol beverages consumed on a retail premise must be purchased from that retail premises. Local laws may restrict free snacks/food during Happy Hours.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Local Option</p> <p>On-premise: Local Option Local Option on Sales Election Day: Sales allowed. Christmas/holidays: Sales allowed.</p>
<p>MASSACHUSETTS</p> <p>Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (617) 727-3040</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, give free drinks to patrons, encourage any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking or serve more than two drinks to a patron at one time.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: Sun: Permitted</p> <p>On-premise: No official hours. Sundays: Complex law; hours may be further regulated by local licensing boards, see state statutes for more information. Christmas & Memorial Day: Restaurants may sell alcohol after 12 noon, may begin sales at 11 a.m. if approved by local licensing authority.</p>

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<p>MICHIGAN Michigan Liquor Control Commission (517) 322-1345</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, free drinks to patrons or two-for-one drink specials.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal, even if the establishment has a "take-out" license. Everything sold for "take-out" must be sold sealed and unopened.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: Noon - 2 a.m. On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: Noon - 2 a.m. with Sunday sales permit. Christmas: No alcohol sales from 9 p.m. Christmas Eve until 7 a.m. Dec. 26.</p>
<p>MINNESOTA Dept of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement (651) 296-6979</p>	.10	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18 Under 17 not permitted to work in areas where alcohol is served or consumed.</p>	<p>Minnesota has no current statutes or rules governing Happy Hours. Minnesota Alcohol Beverage Rules Chapter 7515/0740(L) does not allow premiums or inducements used to encourage alcoholic beverage purchases and consumption. There is a difference between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions." Happy hour and drink specials for the most part would be considered one and the same. Drink promotions may or may not be legal depending on the terms and conditions of the promotion. The state recommends that licensees interested in running drink promotions submit the promotions for review by the state agency.</p>	<p>A restaurant with an on-sale or wine license may permit a person purchasing a full bottle of wine in conjunction with the purchase of a meal, to remove the bottle when leaving the license premise provided that the bottle has been opened and the contents partially consumed.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.: first class cities off-premise close 8 p.m. M-Th. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: Noon - 2 a.m. Municipalities may restrict on-premise alcohol sales on holidays. Local ordinances may prohibit sale of alcohol on election day.</p>
<p>MISSISSIPPI Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control (601) 856-1301</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18</p>	<p>No promotion may require proof of purchase of an alcohol beverage. All drinks must be served to the customer. Bottle sales, except for wines and champagnes, are prohibited. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. On-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - Midnight Sun: Prohibited. Can be allowed and limited by the commission upon request by local jurisdiction. Election Day: Municipalities may prohibit beer sales, but no jurisdiction over spirits.</p>
<p>MISSOURI Liquor Control Division (573) 751-2333</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21; 18 to sell with permission in some establishments. To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18 to serve with permission in some establishments.</p>	<p>Retailers may give free drinks, have two-for-one specials, etc. However, retailers are prohibited from advertising these specials; see regulation 11 CSR 70-2.240(5)(G). The law allows a licensee, under certain conditions, to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Sun: 9 a.m. - Midnight On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Sun: 9 a.m. - Midnight Designated Convention Site M-S till 3 a.m. No state statutes prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages on an election day — however, local jurisdictions may prohibit sales during election hours on that day.</p>

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<p>MONTANA Montana Liquor Licensing (406) 444-6900</p>	.08	<p>To sell: As allowed by state and federal labor laws. To pour/mix: 18 To serve: As allowed by state and federal labor laws.</p>	<p>Licensee may not sell "Liquor" for less than the posted price. The law does not have any regulations regarding food and drink combinations. Promotions are considered items such as neck hangers, coupons, rebates, etc. Every promotion must be approved by the state prior to conducting it. There are no definitions in the state statute for happy hour and drink specials.</p>	<p>Re-corking is permitted in businesses with all-beverage licenses or beer/wine licenses. A restaurant beer/wine license may not sell alcohol to go.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. *Agency stores closed. On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 a.m.; sales may be further restricted by local ordinances.</p>
<p>NEBRASKA Liquor Control Commission (402) 471-2571</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 19 To pour/mix: 19 To serve: 19</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or two-for-one drink specials. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. The state differentiates between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: Check local ordinances. On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: Check local ordinances. Local ordinances may prohibit sale on an election day.</p>
<p>NEVADA Dept. of Taxation (775) 684-2000</p>	.08	<p>All are regulated at the city and county level.</p>	<p>"Happy hour" laws vary by local city and county. Contact local agency for further information.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal. Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>All alcohol sales in Nevada are regulated by local governments only.</p>
<p>NEW HAMPSHIRE State Liquor Commission (603) 271-3134 info@liquor.state.nh.us</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 16 to run a register in an off-premise situation (with 18 year old supervision). To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees cannot provide free drinks to patrons. No special drink prices may be advertised off the licensed premises. The law allows, per RSA 179.42, a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>Unconsumed wine purchased with a full meal may be taken from premises, provided patron is not intoxicated, bottle is properly sealed/bagged and transported in vehicle area inaccessible to the driver.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p>
<p>NEW JERSEY Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (609) 984-2830</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or two-for-one drink specials. Licensees also may not encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. The law does allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price, but there may be no more than one (1) drink in the package.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to remove partially consumed wine from the premises as long as it is re-corked and placed in the trunk of the car. Not having direct access to the wine would remove the chance of receiving an open container citation.</p>	<p>Determined by city ordinance. Election Day sales may be prohibited by local ordinance.</p>
<p>NEW MEXICO Alcohol and Gaming Division (505)476-4875</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 19 (in an establishment where the primary source of revenue is food). To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 19 (in an establishment where the primary source of revenue is food).</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, free drinks for patrons or two-for-one drink specials. Licensees also may not serve more than two alcohol drinks to a person at one time.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - Midnight Sun: Noon - Midnight On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: Noon - Midnight (Sunday sales permit required.) Christmas: Law enacted in 2002 to allow spirits to be served as well as beer and wine. Election Day: Alcohol sales are allowed.</p>

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<p>NEW YORK</p> <p>Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (518) 474-0810</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>ABCL § 117 - a prohibits unlimited drink offerings and the offer of free drinks constituting an attempt to circumvent the purposes of ABCL § 117-a.</p>	<p>State law does allow patrons to take home one bottle of wine purchased with full meal. Please contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 4 a.m. Sun: Prohibited 4 a.m. - Noon Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - Midnight differs by county Grocery - 24 hrs. Sun: Prohibited in liquor stores: grocery and drug stores: 3 a.m. - Noon Election Day: No Restrictions.</p>
<p>NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p>Alcoholic Beverage Commission (919)-779-0700 ContactUs@ncabc.com</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 21 to pour distilled spirits, 18 to pour beer and wine. To serve: 18</p>	<p>Happy Hours or drink specials must be offered for the entire business day. Licensees may not give patrons free drinks or offer two-for-one drink specials. The state does not allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. There is no difference between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>If the establishment has an off-premise permit, then the customer can take an opened bottle of wine home by corking it. If the establishment does not have an off-premise license, the customer cannot. Re-corked wine must be transported in a vehicle compartment inaccessible to the driver.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-Sat: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Local option on Sunday. On-premise: M-Sat: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: Noon - 2 a.m. with a mixed beverage or brown bagging permit. Election Day: No Restrictions</p>
<p>NORTH DAKOTA</p> <p>Office of the State Tax Commissioner (701) 328-4576</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 19 to collect money (see "To serve" conditions below). To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 19 to serve, if in dining area separate from bar, and gross food sales are at least equal to gross alcohol sales, and done under direct supervision of someone 21 or older.</p>	<p>North Dakota does not have laws regulating Happy Hour. This is sometimes determined by the city. (ie. Fargo has rules against a power hour).</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: Noon - 1 a.m. On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: Noon - 1 a.m. Election day sales are not prohibited by the state, but may be restricted by local ordinances.</p>
<p>OHIO</p> <p>Div. of Liquor Control (614) 644-2411</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 19 as server, 21 to sell across the bar. To pour/mix: 21 to serve liquor across the bar, 19 to serve beer across the bar. To serve: 19</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, free drinks for patrons or two-for-one drink specials. Licensees also may not encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. Happy Hour drink specials must end before 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal, as this would be a violation of the Open Container Law.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 5:30 a.m. - 1 a.m. Night clubs: 5:30 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. Sunday sales permit required. 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 10 a.m. to Midnight based upon local option.</p>
<p>OKLAHOMA</p> <p>ABLE Commission (405) 521-3484</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18, if server works outside of separate bar area.</p>	<p>The law does differentiate between "happy hour," "drink specials" and "promotions." Happy Hours are illegal - no reduced drink prices. Drink specials must occur for an entire calendar week (e.g. Sunday-Saturday). Promotions are allowed if they follow the same calendar week schedule. The law does not allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>Oklahoma law allows re-corked wine to be taken out after dining.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 2 a.m.: set by county. Sundays: Check local ordinances.</p>

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<p>OREGON</p> <p>Liquor Control Commission (800) 452-6522 (503) 872-5000</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 with a service permit, restrictions apply to 18-20-year-olds. To serve: 18 with a service permit, restrictions apply to 18-20-year-olds.</p>	<p>Happy Hour is permitted, but it may not be advertised outside the licensed business. Same rule applies to a licensee who wishes to offer a food and drink combination for a special price, if the price includes a temporary price reduction on the alcohol. Oregon does not distinguish between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>Oregon law allows re-corked wine to be taken out after dining.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. Sun: 7 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. Off-premise licensees may not sell on certain election days.</p>
<p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>Liquor Control Board (717) 783-9454</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or two-for-one drink specials. Happy Hour specials may only be two consecutive hours long and must occur before 12:00 a.m. Drinks of an increased size must be accompanied by a corresponding increased price. One daily drink special may be offered so long as it ends by 12:00 a.m. Pennsylvania law does allow a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price so long as it does not violate section 13.102 of the Board's Regulations on the licensee's ability to discount the price of alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal. Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. (Some have hours until 10 p.m.) Sun: 10% of Pennsylvania Wine and Spirits Shops may be open from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday (except Easter and Christmas) during a two-year trial period. On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. (with permit).</p>
<p>RHODE ISLAND</p> <p>Department of Business Regulation Liquor Control Administration (401) 222-2562</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: Nov-May: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Jun-Oct: 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p>
<p>SOUTH CAROLINA</p> <p>Dept. of Revenue & Taxation (803) 898-5864</p>	.08	<p>To sell: No minimum age if sold in sealed containers. To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer two-or-more-for-the-price-of-one drink specials and may not give free mixed drinks, beer or wine. Regular drink prices may be reduced between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. only. All on-premise spirits sales must be in containers of 1.75 oz. or less ("Minibottles"). **The Minibottle provision has been repealed during the 2004 election. The state General Assembly will issue new regulation for the use of standard size bottles during the 2005 legislative session.</p>	<p>Nothing in the S.C. law prevents a patron from removing the open container from the restaurant. It is also legal to have the open container in a car as long as it is in the trunk or luggage compartment.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 24 hours - cease at Midnight Saturdays. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 24 hours for beer & wine, 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. for liquor, cease at midnight Saturdays. Sun: Local Option Election Day sales are prohibited.</p>

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<p>SOUTH DAKOTA</p> <p>Dept. of Revenue & Regulation (605) 773-3311</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To pour/mix: 21 To serve/sell: If 50% of retail-on sale business is transacted from the sale of food- persons 18-19-20 may wait tables, no bartending. For off-sale malt beverage, package dealers may permit under 21 to sell malt beverages if sale of alcohol beverages is less than 50% of gross business. Retail on-sale wine licensees server age is 21, no exception.</p>	<p>South Dakota law does not specifically address Happy Hour. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price under the circumstances that the licensee can not sell below wholesale cost (drink). There is no difference between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotion" as the statute only refers to selling below wholesale cost.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - Midnight Sun: Prohibited (Local option possible). On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: If granted Sunday sales by local option - 11 a.m. - Midnight; local ordinances may be stricter. Christmas: Those with off-sale malt beverage, on-off-sale malt beverage or off-sale liquor licenses may sell malt beverages but not liquor; restaurants with on-sale wine licenses may sell wine; local ordinances may be more strict.</p>
<p>TENNESSEE</p> <p>Alcoholic Beverage Commission (615) 741-1602</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18 Note: Mandatory server training permit required.</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, give free drinks to patrons or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. Licensees may not offer Happy Hour specials after 10:00 p.m. or serve more than one drink to a person at one time.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal. Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 3 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 3 a.m. **unless municipally has opted out, if so Noon - 3 a.m.</p>
<p>TEXAS</p> <p>Alcoholic Beverage Commission 1-888-THE-TABC (512) 206-3333</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials or two-for-one drink specials. Licensees also may not serve more than two drinks to one person or encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. Happy Hour specials must end before 11:00 p.m. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price. There is no difference in the law between "happy hour," "drink specials" and "promotions."</p>	<p>Patrons who order wine with food and have a portion of the open container remaining may remove the open container of wine from the premises. Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: Prohibited. On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - Midnight - late hours permit/license available in certain areas extends hours of sale to 2 a.m. Sun: With food service or at a "sporting venue" may start at 10 a.m. till 12 midnight. Other permits may start at Noon and serve till 2 a.m. with late hours permit.</p>
<p>UTAH</p> <p>Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (801) 977-6800 hotline@utah.gov</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 21</p>	<p>Licensees and permittees are prohibited from engaging in discounting practices that encourage over-consumption of alcohol (i.e. "happy hours," "two for ones," "all you can drink" for a set price, free alcohol selling at less than cost, etc.). Licensees may not buy a patron a drink. Advertising may not encourage over-consumption or intoxication, promote the intoxicating effects of alcohol or overtly promote increased consumption of alcoholic products. Utah does not allow the licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal. Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: Prohibited On-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m. Sun: 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.</p>
<p>VERMONT</p> <p>Dept. of Liquor Control (802) 828-2345</p>	<p>.08</p>	<p>To sell: 16 off-premise, 18 for on-premise. To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licensees cannot offer alcohol beverages at reduced prices for any period of time less than a full day. Licensees also cannot encourage or promote any organized game which awards alcohol as a prize or promotes excessive drinking. Licensees are allowed to offer a food and drink combination for a special price as long as they DO NOT use the word complimentary or free.</p>	<p>Vermont allows restaurants the discretion of allowing patrons to take home opened, bagged bottles of wine. **Only in accordance with T 7 VSA § 222(1)</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - Midnight Sun: 6 a.m. - Midnight On-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 2 am Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 am</p>

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<p>VIRGINIA</p> <p>Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (804) 213-4400</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 for on-premise; no age limit for off-premise if a 21-year-old employee is present.</p> <p>To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer single-priced, unlimited service drink specials, free drinks for patrons or two-for-one drink specials. Virginia prohibits patrons from possessing more than two alcohol beverages at one time. The hours that Happy Hour can be conducted are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Virginia law prohibits Happy Hour drink specials between 9:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. of the following day. Licenses can not advertise Happy Hour in the media or on the exterior of the premises. Licenses cannot increase the amount of the alcoholic beverages in a drink without charging a higher price. Licenses cannot sell pitchers of mixed beverages.</p>	<p>Patrons are allowed to take wine home when purchased with a meal.</p> <p>While it is not required to be in the trunk, it is recommended that the bottle is inaccessible to the driver and passengers.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: Prohibited</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>
<p>WASHINGTON</p> <p>State Liquor Control Board (360) 664-1600</p> <p>Email: wslcb@liq.wa.gov</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Licenses may not offer two-for-one drink specials or encourage any activity which promotes excessive drinking. The Board can take action against any liquor licensee who promotes over-consumption or consumption by persons under 21. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price as long as no liquor is sold below the cost of acquisition. The law differentiates between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions." Happy hour is a specific time of day; drink specials can be by house policy, but cannot be sold below cost of acquisition; promotions must be approved by the Advertising Coordinator at the LCB.</p>	<p>Washington law permits the unused portion of wine to be re-corked, packaged and carried out by the guest.</p> <p>Contact enforcement agency for compliance details.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: Prohibited</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sun: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m.</p>
<p>WEST VIRGINIA</p> <p>Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (800) 642-8208</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 (supervised by person over 21 at all times). To serve: 18</p>	<p>Happy Hour laws are not covered by West Virginia law.</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sun: Prohibited</p> <p>On-premise: M-S: 7 a.m. - 3:30 a.m. Sun: Noon - 3 a.m. Election Day: Retail licensees may not sell liquor on any primary or general election day. Beer, wine and fortified wine may be sold.</p>
<p>WISCONSIN</p> <p>Dept. of Revenue (608) 266-3969</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 18 To pour/mix: 18 To serve: 18</p>	<p>Wisconsin does not have laws specifically addressing Happy Hours or promotions. The law does not address whether a licensee is allowed to offer a food and drink combination for a special price - therefore it is permitted. There is no differentiation between "happy hour," "drink specials" and/or "promotions."</p>	<p>State laws/rules do not allow patrons to take home wine purchased with a meal.</p>	<p>Off-premise: M-S: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>On-premise: M-F: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. Sat-Sun: 6 a.m. - 2:30 a.m.</p>
<p>WYOMING</p> <p>Dept. of Revenue (307) 777-7961</p>	.08	<p>To sell: 21 To pour/mix: 21 To serve: 21 (18 in dining-only areas).</p>	<p>Wyoming does not have laws specifically addressing Happy Hours or promotions. The law allows a licensee to offer a food and drink combination for a special price.</p>	<p>Only if the establishment has a "full retail" liquor license (this would be considered an off-premise sale); restaurant licensees would not be allowed to do this.</p>	<p>Off-premise and On-premise: M-S: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. (maximum) Sun: 6 a.m. - 2 a.m. (maximum) Note: Municipalities may be more restrictive on Sunday hours.</p>

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Assessment Tool on Alcohol Establishment Happy Hour Restrictions

Happy Hour Restriction	Restriction Being Practiced? (Y/N)	Comments
"Two for one" or other discounted multiple alcoholic beverage sales.		
Increasing the volume of alcohol in a drink without increasing the price.		
Serving more than one free alcoholic beverage along with every purchased beverage.		
Fixed-price or "all you can drink" sales.		
Selling alcoholic beverages at a reduced price for a fixed "buy in" price.		
Selling alcoholic beverages at a price contingent on the amount consumed by an individual.		
Reduced drink prices after 11 p.m.		
Imposing an entry fee for the purpose of recovering financial losses incurred because of reduced drink prices.		
Drinking contests or awarding of alcoholic beverages as prizes.		
Any practice that encourages consumers to drink to excess, or impairs the ability of the licensee to monitor or control the consumption of alcohol by their customers.		
Other restrictions		

Policy Monitoring Form on Happy Hour Restrictions

Happy Hour Restriction	Restriction in Place? (Y/N)	As of What Date?	Geographical Area or Public Event(s) in Question	Did Your Efforts Lead to this Restriction Being Enacted? If so, How?
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Imposing an entry fee for the purpose of recovering financial losses incurred because of reduced drink prices.				
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