

## To-Go Drinks an Elixir for Public, a Lifeline for Business

The coronavirus is shaking up America's liquor laws. At least 33 states and the District of Columbia are temporarily allowing cocktails to-go during the pandemic. Only two — Florida and Mississippi — allowed them on a limited basis before coronavirus struck, according to the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States. Struggling restaurants say it's a lifeline, letting them rehire bartenders, pay rent and reestablish relationships with customers. But others want states to slow down, saying the decades-old laws help ensure public safety.

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## In pandemic, deadline looms for Utah bars to renew, or lose, alcohol licenses

A deadline is looming for bars in Utah where they must send the state their annual licensing fee or lose the right to sell alcohol. Currently 59 have yet to renew licenses and that could be a tough indicator for Utah's beverage sector and the many who work in it.

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## Alabama - Tuscaloosa Closing Down Bars, Restaurant Bar Service for 2 Weeks

The city of Tuscaloosa is shutting down bars and bar service in restaurants for the next two weeks in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 among college students. University of Alabama President Stuart Bell, UA College of Community Health Sciences Dean Dr. Richard Friend and Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox hosted a news conference this morning announcing the new rules.

The new rules being implemented as of 5 p.m. today include:

- Bars will be closed effective for the next 14 days
- Bar service at restaurants will be eliminated for the next 14 days

In addition, Maddox is requesting from the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board that all of Tuscaloosa County be placed on a prohibition of on-premises alcohol sales for 14 days.

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## Pennsylvania Governor Suggests Selling Marijuana Through State-Run Stores

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf on Tuesday proposed legalizing recreational marijuana and suggested having state-run pot shops to sell it to consumers, as he outlined plans for helping businesses recover from the economic crash caused by the coronavirus.

Wolf, a Democrat, said his proposal is to legalize recreational cannabis for people over 21 years-old. "I think we have a state store system that would be an ideal way to distribute it," he said during a press conference presenting his fall legislative agenda. "I think it's also a way that the state could actually get some tax revenue from something that people are evidently already

doing,” he added.

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## **California-Businesses Cited in Decoy Operation**

Six people were cited after selling alcohol to an 18-year-old Redlands Police Department Explorer who worked directly with law enforcement during a Minor Decoy Operation. Police visited 22 licensed alcohol establishments in the City Friday, Aug. 21, while conducting a Minor Decoy Operation. A Minor Decoy Operation involves an underage volunteer who works under the direct supervision of a peace officer. The decoy will enter a licensed establishment and attempt to buy alcohol. During decoy operations, minor decoys are required to answer truthfully if asked their age and they must provide valid identification indicating they are underage to buy alcohol if they are asked to do so.

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## **AZ health expert: Compliance system needed for when bars, clubs reopen**

In order to open their doors, bars and nightclubs must be in a county with a less than 3 percent positivity rate. Even then, they would have to follow strict guidelines and reduced capacity. So when the time comes for them to reopen, how will those rules be enforced?

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## **Pennsylvania Police Raid Gaming Lounge, Seize Unlicensed Machines**

“They [state treasury] were receiving no revenue from Windfall Amusements whatsoever,” Adams explained. State police have deemed skill gaming machines unlawful. Law enforcement says it has identified 10 separate manufacturers of the devices, all of which are marketed as skill-based. “We’ve looked at machines from all 10 manufacturers, and we haven’t found one that we did not deem to be a gambling device,” said Capt. James Jones of the Pennsylvania Police’s Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement.

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## **New Zealand - A chance to change our approach to alcohol harm**

While we debate a change to the legislation governing the sale and purchase of cannabis, limp alcohol laws continue to negatively impact on New Zealanders. We would undoubtedly be a safer, happier, more productive country if we had stronger regulation of alcohol. Stronger regulation would reduce the harm from alcohol including assault, injury, absenteeism, depression, suicide, cancers, liver damage, brain damage, multiple other organ damage and death, which is all costing us so much in terms of eroding peace, GDP and quality of life.

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## **Local liquor stores kick off annual ‘Sticker Shock’ campaign**

The North Kingstown Prevention Coalition, which promotes the fight against substance abuse among teens, participated in their annual Sticker Shock drive Tuesday, going to Kingstown Liquor Mart and other liquor stores in town to place warning stickers on cases of beer and bottles of wine and hard liquors warning of the dangers and consequences of buying alcohol for minors and underage drinking.

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- A brief statement (no more than 500 words) detailing your background and qualifications, why you would like to hold this office, and your vision for the future of the NLLEA.

Candidates for the Sergeant-at-Arms position should submit their information to [carrie.christofes@nllea.org](mailto:carrie.christofes@nllea.org) by August 31, 2020.

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