

NEW 2019 LEGISLATION for OFF-PREMISE BEER RETAILERS

32B Chapter 7

On March 1st 2019, the governor signed into law a change to the 32B, chapter 7 statutes amending the Off-Premise Beer Retailer Act.

1. DEADLINES AND FEES

New deadlines and fees were amended, allowing those beer retailers who have still not obtained their DABC off-premise license a "soft landing". In other words, beer retailers are now able to get an extension of time to apply for their license and continue beer sales. However there is an increase in fees.

The following dates and fees apply in 2019 for current beer retailers to apply for a DABC off-premise beer retailer license:

- March 2nd to April 15th - Total fees will be \$475.00
- April 16th to May 31st - Total fees will be \$625.00

However, on **JUNE 1st** all current off-premise beer retailers who have NOT obtained their DABC off-premise license will no longer be able to sell beer. Retailers will only be able to resume beer sales after they have applied for the DABC license and been approved by the DABC Commission.

NEW BUSINESSES will still have an application fee of \$325.00

2. NEW DEFINITION OF "MANAGER" - 32B-7-402 (1)

Before the amendments were signed on March 1, 2019, a retail manager of a licensed off-premise beer retailer included individuals who, not only supervises the operations of the premises, but also "supervises the sale of beer" at the premises.

Now, the law states that an off-premise retail manager means only "an individual who manages operations" at the licensed premises.

Since managers are required to obtain "manager training" before they can obtain an "Off-Premise Beer Retailer License" it may mean fewer individuals are required to obtain the manager training.

DON'T GO DRY!

The last chance for current beer retailers to apply for the new DABC Off-Premise Beer Retailer License is May 31st 2019. However, it will cost you MORE the longer you wait.

Apply Now!