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<u>Governor Justice Signs 2021 Alcohol Legislation</u> with New Opportunities and Greater Flexibility for Licensees

The West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration (WVABCA) is pleased to announce the Honorable Jim Justice, Governor, has signed House Bill 2025, a bill introduced at the request of the Governor.

HB 2025 provides liquor, wine and beer licensees with some new concepts developed during the State of Emergency utilizing new technology to provide greater freedom to operate in a safe and responsible manner.

Some new concepts included in HB 2025 are:

- Curbside in-person or in-vehicle pickup, or third party delivery of sealed beer and beer growlers, sealed wine and wine growlers, and sealed craft cocktail growlers when a licensee is appropriately licensed;
- Sealed liquor drinks in craft cocktail growlers for food or meal orders to go (no person who has consumed alcohol can purchase a to-go order with a craft cocktail growler);
- 6:00 am sales for certain Class A on-premises and Class B off-premises licensees;
- Covid-19 fee reduction for Private Clubs;
- Additional outdoor dining and street dining options for beer, wine and liquor, the emphasis is on "dining";
- Limited beer direct shipping for brewers;
- Limited direct shipping for distilleries;
- Hard Cider Tax Reduction and growlers;
- New private club licenses types for private club bars, private club restaurants, private caterers, private farmers' markets, private wedding venues or barns, private tennis clubs, private professional sport stadiums, private multi-sport complexes, one day charitable auctions, multi-vendor fairs and festivals and etc.

Please go to the WVABCA website for more detailed information and applications at <u>www.abca.wv.gov</u>.