

1 AN ACT concerning liquor.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Liquor Control Act of 1934 is amended by  
5 changing Sections 4-2 and 6-2 as follows:

6 (235 ILCS 5/4-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 111)

7 Sec. 4-2. The mayor or president of the board of trustees  
8 of each city, village or incorporated town or his or her  
9 designee, and the president or chairman of the county board or  
10 his or her designee, shall be the local liquor control  
11 commissioner for their respective cities, villages,  
12 incorporated towns and counties, and shall be charged with the  
13 administration in their respective jurisdictions of the  
14 appropriate provisions of this Act and of such ordinances and  
15 resolutions relating to alcoholic liquor as may be enacted; but  
16 the authority of the president or chairman of the county board  
17 or his or her designee shall extend only to that area in any  
18 county which lies outside the corporate limits of the cities,  
19 villages and incorporated towns therein and those areas which  
20 are owned by the county and are within the corporate limits of  
21 the cities, villages and incorporated towns with a population  
22 of less than 1,000,000, however, such county shall comply with  
23 the operating rules of the municipal ordinances affected when

1 issuing their own licenses.

2 However, such mayor, president of the board of trustees or  
3 president or chairman of the county board or his or her  
4 designee may appoint a person or persons to assist him in the  
5 exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties herein  
6 provided for such local liquor control commissioner.

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section to the  
8 contrary, the mayor of a city with a population of 55,000  
9 ~~50,000~~ or less or the president of a village with a population  
10 of 55,000 ~~50,000~~ or less that has an interest in the  
11 manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor must  
12 direct the council or board over which he or she presides to  
13 appoint, by majority vote, a person other than him or her to  
14 serve as the local liquor control commissioner. The appointment  
15 must be made within 30 days from the day on which the mayor or  
16 president takes office, and the mayor or president cannot make  
17 nominations or serve any other role in the appointment. To  
18 prevent any conflict of interest, the mayor or president with  
19 the interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of  
20 alcoholic liquor shall not participate in any meetings,  
21 hearings, or decisions on matters impacting the manufacture,  
22 sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor. Further, the  
23 appointee (i) shall be an attorney with an active license to  
24 practice law in the State of Illinois, (ii) shall not legally  
25 represent liquor license applicants or holders before the  
26 jurisdiction over which he or she presides as local liquor

1 control commissioner or before an adjacent jurisdiction, (iii)  
2 shall not have an interest in the manufacture, sale, or  
3 distribution of alcoholic liquor, and (iv) shall not be  
4 appointed to a term to exceed the term of the mayor, president,  
5 or members of the council or board.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-1059, eff. 8-24-12.)

7 (235 ILCS 5/6-2) (from Ch. 43, par. 120)

8 Sec. 6-2. Issuance of licenses to certain persons  
9 prohibited.

10 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this  
11 Section and in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 3-12,  
12 no license of any kind issued by the State Commission or any  
13 local commission shall be issued to:

14 (1) A person who is not a resident of any city, village  
15 or county in which the premises covered by the license are  
16 located; except in case of railroad or boat licenses.

17 (2) A person who is not of good character and  
18 reputation in the community in which he resides.

19 (3) A person who is not a citizen of the United States.

20 (4) A person who has been convicted of a felony under  
21 any Federal or State law, unless the Commission determines  
22 that such person has been sufficiently rehabilitated to  
23 warrant the public trust after considering matters set  
24 forth in such person's application and the Commission's  
25 investigation. The burden of proof of sufficient

1 rehabilitation shall be on the applicant.

2 (5) A person who has been convicted of keeping a place  
3 of prostitution or keeping a place of juvenile  
4 prostitution, promoting prostitution that involves keeping  
5 a place of prostitution, or promoting juvenile  
6 prostitution that involves keeping a place of juvenile  
7 prostitution.

8 (6) A person who has been convicted of pandering or  
9 other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency and morality.

10 (7) A person whose license issued under this Act has  
11 been revoked for cause.

12 (8) A person who at the time of application for renewal  
13 of any license issued hereunder would not be eligible for  
14 such license upon a first application.

15 (9) A copartnership, if any general partnership  
16 thereof, or any limited partnership thereof, owning more  
17 than 5% of the aggregate limited partner interest in such  
18 copartnership would not be eligible to receive a license  
19 hereunder for any reason other than residence within the  
20 political subdivision, unless residency is required by  
21 local ordinance.

22 (10) A corporation or limited liability company, if any  
23 member, officer, manager or director thereof, or any  
24 stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more  
25 than 5% of the stock of such corporation, would not be  
26 eligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason

1 other than citizenship and residence within the political  
2 subdivision.

3 (10a) A corporation or limited liability company  
4 unless it is incorporated or organized in Illinois, or  
5 unless it is a foreign corporation or foreign limited  
6 liability company which is qualified under the Business  
7 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company  
8 Act to transact business in Illinois. The Commission shall  
9 permit and accept from an applicant for a license under  
10 this Act proof prepared from the Secretary of State's  
11 website that the corporation or limited liability company  
12 is in good standing and is qualified under the Business  
13 Corporation Act of 1983 or the Limited Liability Company  
14 Act to transact business in Illinois.

15 (11) A person whose place of business is conducted by a  
16 manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses the  
17 same qualifications required by the licensee.

18 (12) A person who has been convicted of a violation of  
19 any Federal or State law concerning the manufacture,  
20 possession or sale of alcoholic liquor, subsequent to the  
21 passage of this Act or has forfeited his bond to appear in  
22 court to answer charges for any such violation.

23 (13) A person who does not beneficially own the  
24 premises for which a license is sought, or does not have a  
25 lease thereon for the full period for which the license is  
26 to be issued.

1           (14) Any law enforcing public official, including  
2 members of local liquor control commissions, any mayor,  
3 alderman, or member of the city council or commission, any  
4 president of the village board of trustees, any member of a  
5 village board of trustees, or any president or member of a  
6 county board; and no such official shall have a direct  
7 interest in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of  
8 alcoholic liquor, except that a license may be granted to  
9 such official in relation to premises that are not located  
10 within the territory subject to the jurisdiction of that  
11 official if the issuance of such license is approved by the  
12 State Liquor Control Commission and except that a license  
13 may be granted, in a city or village with a population of  
14 55,000 ~~50,000~~ or less, to any alderman, member of a city  
15 council, or member of a village board of trustees in  
16 relation to premises that are located within the territory  
17 subject to the jurisdiction of that official if (i) the  
18 sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to the license is  
19 incidental to the selling of food, (ii) the issuance of the  
20 license is approved by the State Commission, (iii) the  
21 issuance of the license is in accordance with all  
22 applicable local ordinances in effect where the premises  
23 are located, and (iv) the official granted a license does  
24 not vote on alcoholic liquor issues pending before the  
25 board or council to which the license holder is elected.  
26 Notwithstanding any provision of this paragraph (14) to the

1 contrary, an alderman or member of a city council or  
2 commission, a member of a village board of trustees other  
3 than the president of the village board of trustees, or a  
4 member of a county board other than the president of a  
5 county board may have a direct interest in the manufacture,  
6 sale, or distribution of alcoholic liquor as long as he or  
7 she is not a law enforcing public official, a mayor, a  
8 village board president, or president of a county board. To  
9 prevent any conflict of interest, the elected official with  
10 the direct interest in the manufacture, sale, or  
11 distribution of alcoholic liquor shall not participate in  
12 any meetings, hearings, or decisions on matters impacting  
13 the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic  
14 liquor. Furthermore, the mayor of a city with a population  
15 of 55,000 ~~50,000~~ or less or the president of a village with  
16 a population of 55,000 ~~50,000~~ or less may have an interest  
17 in the manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic  
18 liquor as long as the council or board over which he or she  
19 presides has made a local liquor control commissioner  
20 appointment that complies with the requirements of Section  
21 4-2 of this Act.

22 (15) A person who is not a beneficial owner of the  
23 business to be operated by the licensee.

24 (16) A person who has been convicted of a gambling  
25 offense as proscribed by any of subsections (a) (3) through  
26 (a) (11) of Section 28-1 of, or as proscribed by Section

1           28-1.1 or 28-3 of, the Criminal Code of 1961 or the  
2           Criminal Code of 2012, or as proscribed by a statute  
3           replaced by any of the aforesaid statutory provisions.

4           (17) A person or entity to whom a federal wagering  
5           stamp has been issued by the federal government, unless the  
6           person or entity is eligible to be issued a license under  
7           the Raffles Act or the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games  
8           Act.

9           (18) A person who intends to sell alcoholic liquors for  
10          use or consumption on his or her licensed retail premises  
11          who does not have liquor liability insurance coverage for  
12          that premises in an amount that is at least equal to the  
13          maximum liability amounts set out in subsection (a) of  
14          Section 6-21.

15          (b) A criminal conviction of a corporation is not grounds  
16          for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license applied  
17          for or held by the corporation if the criminal conviction was  
18          not the result of a violation of any federal or State law  
19          concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic  
20          liquor, the offense that led to the conviction did not result  
21          in any financial gain to the corporation and the corporation  
22          has terminated its relationship with each director, officer,  
23          employee, or controlling shareholder whose actions directly  
24          contributed to the conviction of the corporation. The  
25          Commission shall determine if all provisions of this subsection  
26          (b) have been met before any action on the corporation's



1 license is initiated.

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11; 97-1059, eff. 8-24-12;  
3 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
5 becoming law.