

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2020

HOUSE BILL No. 2571

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-6

1 AN ACT concerning licensure under the club and drinking establishment
2 act; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 41-311 and repealing the existing
3 section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 41-311 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 41-311. (a) No license of any kind shall be issued pursuant to the
8 liquor control act to a person:

9 (1) Who is not a citizen of the United States;

10 (2) who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state,
11 any other state or the United States;

12 (3) who has had a license revoked for cause under the provisions of
13 the liquor control act, the beer and cereal malt beverage keg registration
14 act or who has had any license issued under the cereal malt beverage laws
15 of any state revoked for cause except that a license may be issued to a
16 person whose license was revoked for the conviction of a misdemeanor at
17 any time after the lapse of 10 years following the date of the revocation;

18 (4) who has been convicted of being the keeper or is keeping any
19 property, whether real or personal, where sexual relations are being sold or
20 offered for sale by a person who is 18 years of age or older or has forfeited
21 bond to appear in court to answer charges of being a keeper of any
22 property, whether real or personal, where sexual relations are being sold or
23 offered for sale by a person who is 18 years of age or older;

24 (5) who has been convicted of being a proprietor of a gambling
25 house, pandering or any other crime opposed to decency and morality or
26 has forfeited bond to appear in court to answer charges for any of those
27 crimes;

28 (6) who is not at least 21 years of age;

29 (7) who, other than as a member of the governing body of a city or
30 county, appoints or supervises any law enforcement officer, who is a law
31 enforcement official or who is an employee of the director;

32 (8) who intends to carry on the business authorized by the license as
33 agent of another;

34 (9) who at the time of application for renewal of any license issued
35 under this act would not be eligible for the license upon a first application,
36 except as provided by subsection (a)(12);

1 (10) who is the holder of a valid and existing license issued under
2 article 27 of chapter 41 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments
3 thereto, unless the person agrees to and does surrender the license to the
4 officer issuing the same upon the issuance to the person of a license under
5 this act, except that a retailer licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 41-2702, and
6 amendments thereto, shall be eligible to receive a retailer's license under
7 the Kansas liquor control act;

8 (11) who does not own the premises for which a license is sought, or
9 does not, at the time of application, have a written lease thereon;

10 (12) whose spouse would be ineligible to receive a license under this
11 act for any reason other than citizenship, residence requirements,
12 **employment as a law enforcement official** or age, except that this
13 subsection (a)(12) shall not apply in determining eligibility for a renewal
14 license ~~or to a person whose spouse is a law enforcement officer in a~~
15 ~~county other than the county in which the club and drinking establishment~~
16 ~~license is sought;~~

17 (13) whose spouse has been convicted of a felony or other crime
18 which would disqualify a person from licensure under this section and
19 such felony or other crime was committed during the time that the spouse
20 held a license under this act;

21 (14) who does not provide any data or information required by
22 K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 41-311b, and amendments thereto; or

23 (15) who, after a hearing before the director, has been found to have
24 held an undisclosed beneficial interest in any license issued pursuant to the
25 liquor control act which was obtained by means of fraud or any false
26 statement made on the application for such license.

27 (b) No retailer's license shall be issued to:

28 (1) A person who is not a resident of this state;

29 (2) a person who has not been a resident of this state for at least four
30 years immediately preceding the date of application;

31 (3) a person who has a beneficial interest in a manufacturer,
32 distributor, farm winery or microbrewery licensed under this act, except
33 that the spouse of an applicant for a retailer's license may own and hold a
34 farm winery license, microbrewery license, or both, if the spouse does not
35 hold a retailer's license issued under this act;

36 (4) a person who has a beneficial interest in any other retail
37 establishment licensed under this act, except that the spouse of a licensee
38 may own and hold a retailer's license for another retail establishment;

39 (5) a copartnership, unless all of the copartners are qualified to obtain
40 a license;

41 (6) a corporation; or

42 (7) a trust, if any grantor, beneficiary or trustee would be ineligible to
43 receive a license under this act for any reason, except that the provisions of

1 subsection (a)(6) shall not apply in determining whether a beneficiary
2 would be eligible for a license.

3 (c) No manufacturer's license shall be issued to:

4 (1) A corporation, if any officer or director thereof, or any
5 stockholder owning in the aggregate more than 25% of the stock of the
6 corporation would be ineligible to receive a manufacturer's license for any
7 reason other than citizenship and residence requirements;

8 (2) a copartnership, unless all of the copartners shall have been
9 residents of this state for at least five years immediately preceding the date
10 of application and unless all the members of the copartnership would be
11 eligible to receive a manufacturer's license under this act;

12 (3) a trust, if any grantor, beneficiary or trustee would be ineligible to
13 receive a license under this act for any reason, except that the provisions of
14 subsection (a)(6) shall not apply in determining whether a beneficiary
15 would be eligible for a license;

16 (4) an individual who is not a resident of this state;

17 (5) an individual who has not been a resident of this state for at least
18 five years immediately preceding the date of application; or

19 (6) a person who has a beneficial interest in a distributor, retailer,
20 farm winery or microbrewery licensed under this act, except as provided in
21 K.S.A. 41-305, and amendments thereto.

22 (d) No distributor's license shall be issued to:

23 (1) A corporation, if any officer, director or stockholder of the
24 corporation would be ineligible to receive a distributor's license for any
25 reason. It shall be unlawful for any stockholder of a corporation licensed
26 as a distributor to transfer any stock in the corporation to any person who
27 would be ineligible to receive a distributor's license for any reason, and
28 any such transfer shall be null and void, except that: (A) If any stockholder
29 owning stock in the corporation dies and an heir or devisee to whom stock
30 of the corporation descends by descent and distribution or by will is
31 ineligible to receive a distributor's license, the legal representatives of the
32 deceased stockholder's estate and the ineligible heir or devisee shall have
33 14 months from the date of the death of the stockholder within which to
34 sell the stock to a person eligible to receive a distributor's license, any such
35 sale by a legal representative to be made in accordance with the provisions
36 of the probate code; or (B) if the stock in any such corporation is the
37 subject of any trust and any trustee or beneficiary of the trust who is 21
38 years of age or older is ineligible to receive a distributor's license, the
39 trustee, within 14 months after the effective date of the trust, shall sell the
40 stock to a person eligible to receive a distributor's license and hold and
41 disburse the proceeds in accordance with the terms of the trust. If any legal
42 representatives, heirs, devisees or trustees fail, refuse or neglect to sell any
43 stock as required by this subsection, the stock shall revert to and become

1 the property of the corporation, and the corporation shall pay to the legal
2 representatives, heirs, devisees or trustees the book value of the stock.
3 During the period of 14 months prescribed by this subsection, the
4 corporation shall not be denied a distributor's license or have its
5 distributor's license revoked if the corporation meets all of the other
6 requirements necessary to have a distributor's license;

7 (2) a copartnership, unless all of the copartners are eligible to receive
8 a distributor's license;

9 (3) a trust, if any grantor, beneficiary or trustee would be ineligible to
10 receive a license under this act for any reason, except that the provisions of
11 subsection (a)(6) shall not apply in determining whether a beneficiary
12 would be eligible for a license; or

13 (4) a person who has a beneficial interest in a manufacturer, retailer,
14 farm winery or microbrewery licensed under this act.

15 (e) No nonbeverage user's license shall be issued to a corporation, if
16 any officer, manager or director of the corporation or any stockholder
17 owning in the aggregate more than 25% of the stock of the corporation
18 would be ineligible to receive a nonbeverage user's license for any reason
19 other than citizenship and residence requirements.

20 (f) No microbrewery license, microdistillery license or farm winery
21 license shall be issued to a:

22 (1) Person who is not a resident of this state;

23 (2) person who has a beneficial interest in a manufacturer or
24 distributor licensed under this act, except as provided in K.S.A. 41-305,
25 and amendments thereto;

26 (3) person, copartnership or association which has a beneficial
27 interest in any retailer licensed under this act or under K.S.A. 41-2702, and
28 amendments thereto, except that the spouse of an applicant for a
29 microbrewery or farm winery license may own and hold a retailer's license
30 if the spouse does not hold a microbrewery or farm winery license issued
31 under this act;

32 (4) copartnership, unless all of the copartners are qualified to obtain a
33 license;

34 (5) corporation, unless stockholders owning in the aggregate 50% or
35 more of the stock of the corporation would be eligible to receive such
36 license and all other stockholders would be eligible to receive such license
37 except for reason of citizenship or residency; or

38 (6) a trust, if any grantor, beneficiary or trustee would be ineligible to
39 receive a license under this act for any reason, except that the provisions of
40 subsection (a)(6) shall not apply in determining whether a beneficiary
41 would be eligible for a license.

42 (g) The provisions of subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), (c)(3), (c)(4), (d)(3),
43 (f)(1) and K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 41-311b, and amendments thereto, shall not

1 apply in determining eligibility for the 10th, or a subsequent, consecutive
2 renewal of a license if the applicant has appointed a citizen of the United
3 States who is a resident of Kansas as the applicant's agent and filed with
4 the director a duly authenticated copy of a duly executed power of
5 attorney, authorizing the agent to accept service of process from the
6 director and the courts of this state and to exercise full authority, control
7 and responsibility for the conduct of all business and transactions within
8 the state relative to alcoholic liquor and the business licensed. The agent
9 must be satisfactory to and approved by the director, except that the
10 director shall not approve as an agent any person who:

11 (1) Has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state, any
12 other state or the United States;

13 (2) has had a license issued under the alcoholic liquor or cereal malt
14 beverage laws of this or any other state revoked for cause, except that a
15 person may be appointed as an agent if the person's license was revoked
16 for the conviction of a misdemeanor and 10 years have lapsed since the
17 date of the revocation;

18 (3) has been convicted of being the keeper or is keeping any property,
19 whether real or personal, where sexual relations are being sold or offered
20 for sale by a person who is 18 years of age or older or has forfeited bond to
21 appear in court to answer charges of being a keeper of any property,
22 whether real or personal, where sexual relations are being sold or offered
23 for sale by a person who is 18 years of age or older;

24 (4) has been convicted of being a proprietor of a gambling house,
25 pandering or any other crime opposed to decency and morality or has
26 forfeited bond to appear in court to answer charges for any of those
27 crimes; or

28 (5) is less than 21 years of age.

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 41-311 is hereby repealed.

30 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
31 publication in the Kansas register.