

MEMORANDUM

To: RAILS
From: Julie A. Tappendorf
Subject: Library District Alcohol Policy
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On July 15, 2016, Governor Rauner signed P.A. 99-559, amending the Illinois Liquor Control Act (“*Act*”) to allow library districts to approve the delivery and sale of alcohol in library-owned buildings during fundraising events or programs of a cultural or educational nature, in accordance with a policy approved by the library board. The new law applies only to library districts, and not municipal libraries. A sample policy, application form, and authorizing resolution are included with this memorandum.

Library districts may approve a written policy governing when and under what circumstances alcoholic liquors may be delivered to and sold at retail in library-owned buildings, which must include:

- the delivery and sale of alcoholic liquor is limited to fundraising events or programs of a cultural or educational nature;
- no alcoholic liquor will be sold, distributed, or consumed in an area of the library that is accessible to the general public during the event;
- no alcoholic liquor will be removed from the venue during the event; and
- steps will be taken to prevent the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquors to persons under the age of 21.

The Act also requires dram shop liability insurance for the library in maximum insurance coverage limits, if any alcohol is to be delivered to or sold at retail on library property.

After adopting a policy, the Library Board may approve the delivery and sale of alcohol in library buildings. An applicant will still be required to comply with any state and local liquor licensing requirements, as well as all other applicable laws.

We are available to discuss the enclosed sample policy, application, and authorizing resolution at your convenience.