



Iowa Restaurant Association 2024 Legislative Brief

The Iowa Restaurant Association is working on 2024 legislation as well as laying the groundwork for future priorities.



SUPPORT:

Passage HSB 612 and SF 2109 Work Drive Permit for Teens

Ensures teens who choose to work have the same driving privileges as students who participate in school activities.

Passage HSB 631 Alcohol Training for Affirmative Defense

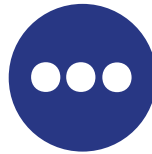
Expands training options for prevention of underage sale and a one-time affirmative defense for businesses.

Passage HF 2260—Music Licensing Rules of Engagement

Outlines appropriate practices for music licensing companies entering Iowa businesses.

HSB 629 Auction Highly Allocated Wines from Private Collections

Supportive of opening up options for purchase of highly-allocated products



WATCHING:

Consumable Hemp Regulation

Supportive of age restrictions on sale but will be watching bill for clarifications and unintended consequences

Additional Future Priorities:

- Explore Paths to Relieve Credit Card Fee Burden for State Sales Tax Collection
- Eliminate 4th tier in spirit sales and allow any retailer who meets minimum order standards to purchase directly from the state
- Assist small school districts seeking to leverage ProStart Culinary and Restaurant Management curriculum to meet their CTSO requirement

6,000

eating & drinking
establishments

125K

people work in Iowa's
food & beverage industry

\$6 billion

in revenue

60%

of Gen-Z and Millennials
found their first job in
the restaurant industry



Thank You! Your Work over the past 3 sessions has helped Iowa's Restaurant Industry!

- Lowering of age for restaurant alcohol service to 16
- Extension of work hours for 14 and 15-year-olds to 9 p.m.
- Elimination of work permit for teens
- Elimination of Sunday sales license (now included automatically)
- Restaurant and bars able to buy 5 cases beer/canned cocktail from any retailer, every 24 hours for resale in hospitality establishments
- First in the nation cocktails-to-go
- Third Party Delivery protections for restaurants with fines for menu-pirating
- Third Party Delivery food safety protections
- A \$40 million Iowa restaurant/bar relief fund
- Tax changes ensuring PPP, EIDL, and RRF funds were not taxed as income

Public/Private Partnership

The Iowa Restaurant Association works across many state agencies to provide education, training and support for Iowa's tourism and hospitality industries.

- Currently working with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to Provide In-person Responsible Alcohol Service Training Across the State
- Currently serving as the administrator for the Iowa Tourism Office's Meet in Iowa Program which has provided meeting incentives to groups from across the country to Meet in Iowa
- Actively promoting the IBAT program with restaurants and bars to work to prevent human trafficking in Iowa
- Completed a Grant from Future Ready Iowa to ServSafe certify more than 300 certified food protection managers – helping accelerate the fulfillment of the program's goal of 70% of Iowans having a certification post-high school
- Completed a grant from Future Ready Iowa to provide a Career Tech Ed culinary arts and restaurant management program for high schools – 28 high schools, 1,500 students
- Completed a Central Iowa Works grant providing onsite training for re-entry population in Newton, Mitchellville, and at United Way for re-entry groups from the Beacon and Fort Des Moines
- Completed Main Street Iowa grant to offer consulting services to rural downtowns related to restaurant operations



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