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Cocktails To-Go where extended for 5 years in Illinois. Governor J.B. Pritzker sign SB 89 into law, extending cocktails to-go and delivery until AUGUST 1, 2028.

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A State of Illinois retailer's licensee (1A License holders) may sell and deliver "to go" mixed drinks/cocktails for off-premises consumption strictly under the following conditions:

1. A mixed drink/cocktail is any alcoholic liquor (beer, wine, spirits) mixed with a non-alcoholic beverage such as "fruit juice, lemonade, cream, or a carbonated beverage."
2. The mixed drink/cocktail container shall be:
 - a. New/unused and rigid. A rigid container includes glass, metal, or ceramic material. A rigid container does not include plastic, paper, or Styrofoam;
 - b. Sealed with a secure cap or lid that is tamper-proof or tamper-evident (includes wax-dip seals and heat shrink wrap covers). The lid shall not have sipping holes or holes designed for straws.
 - c. Filled and sealed by the retailer's employee;

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2d. Labeled in the following manner:

- i. The name of the mixed drink/cocktail ingredients, type, and name of the alcohol;
- ii. The name, license number, and address of the retail licensee that filled the container and sold the product;
- iii. The volume of the mixed drink/cocktail in the container; and
- iv. The date the container was sealed. The sealed container must be filled less than 7 days before the date of sale.

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3. The mixed drink/cocktail may be transferred to the consumer in the following manner:
 - a. Inside the licensed business over the counter; or
 - b. Curbside delivery by a retailer employee; or
 - c. Home delivery by a retailer employee.

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4. The mixed drink/cocktail shall not be transferred to the consumer: States have allowed cocktails “to go”.
 - a. By way of drive-through service; or b. Home delivery by a third-party delivery company. Delivery by third party delivery companies is not permitted.
 - b. Be 21 years of age or older;
 - c. Comply with any requirements of the Governor’s executive orders declaring a disaster, including, but not limited to, wearing gloves and a mask and maintaining distancing requirements when interacting with the public.

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5. The retailer employee transferring the mixed drink/cocktail shall:
 - a. Hold a valid server training certificate by a certified Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training (BASSET) trainer;

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6. Mixed drink/cocktail delivery is limited to holders of State of Illinois retailer liquor licenses (“1A Licenses”).
7. No licensee authorized by law to manufacture alcoholic liquor shall conduct mixed drink/ cocktail deliveries pursuant to 235 ILCS 5/6-28.8. This prohibition includes all manufacturer class license holders (as defined in Section 5/5-1(a) of the Liquor Control Act), wine-maker’s premises, brew pubs, and distilling pubs.

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The authority to sell mixed drinks/cocktails (under the conditions set forth herein) has been extended to August 1, 2028.