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Alabama	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 3 members, per diem, 6-year terms removable at Governor's pleasure, Administrator appointed by Board	Yes	Municipality or county approval required; Class I and II municipalities must approve all license applications. Ala. Code	City can revoke city license, but not state license	None
Idaho	State Stores – Director, State Liquor Division. 3-year term, serves at Governor's pleasure; on-sale licenses - Law Enforcement Director, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division	Yes	County and city licenses required	State, city and county may suspend or revoke	May further limit hours of sale
Iowa	Division of Alcoholic Beverages (in Department of Commerce) headed by 5-member Commission, 5-year terms; and Administrator, 4-year term.	No	Local authority may recommend approval or disapproval; upon approval, ABC Division investigates and issues license	Local authority or ABC Division may impose a civil penalty or suspend or revoke for cause	Local authority may adopt more restrictive ordinance if no conflict with state law
Maine	Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages & Lottery Operations (BABLO), 5 members, responsible for administration, 3-year terms	Yes	Local approval required, except for train, vessels and planes	None	None
Michigan	Liquor Control Commission in Department of Labor and Economic Growth, 5 members, full-time, 4-year term	Yes	Local approval required for public on-sale licenses except in cities of 1,000,000 or more	License can be revoked on request of local authorities	City, village and township legislative body may forbid sale on Sunday, holidays, election days or object to license renewal
Mississippi	Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of Department of Revenue, Director appointed by Chairman of Commission and serves at its pleasure.	Yes	Advisory	None	None
Montana	Department of Revenue	Yes	None	None	May issue local license and further restrict hours of sale
New Hampshire	Liquor Commission, Commission and Deputy Commissioner, full-time, 4-year term, removable for cause.	Yes	None	Local governments may petition the Commission to revoke a license.	None
North Carolina	ABC Control Commission under the Department of Commerce, full-time Chairman and two other per diem members, appointed by and serves at pleasure of Governor.	Yes	Local authority may object.	None	None

**Source:** Distilled Spirits Council,  
Summary of State Laws Regulations  
Relating to Distilled Spirits, September 2014

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Ohio	Division of Liquor Control in the Department of Commerce; administered by Superintendent and Ohio Liquor Control Commission, which has 3-members appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate, full-time, 6-year terms, removable for cause; The Division is the wholesaler of alcohol beverages over 21% alcohol by volume, and issues permits and regulates compliance for all beverage alcohol. The Commission issues rules and policies and hears various cases, including permittees' alleged violations and permit application actions.	Yes	Local authority may object.	By local option election only	None
Oregon	Liquor Control Commission, 5 members, per diem, 4-year terms, removable for cause. One member from food and beverage industry - not eligible to serve as chairman. Commission appoints Administrator	Yes	Advisory.	None	Designation of Alcohol Impact Areas.
Pennsylvania	Liquor Control Board, 3 members, terms are 4 years ending on the 3rd Tuesday in May; State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement responsible for enforcement.	Yes	None	None	Receives notice from LCB; may protest an application

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Utah	Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, 7 members, part-time and per diem, appointed by Governor with consent of Senate, 4-year terms; subcommittees: (i) Compliance, Licensing and Enforcement and (ii) Operations and Procurement; Departments of Alcoholic Beverage Control, governed by Commission, manage control operations	No	Must consent in writing prior to application	May participate	May issue local business license
Vermont	Department of Liquor Control, consisting of Liquor Control Board (3 members, per diem, 6-year terms, removable for cause) and Commissioner appointed by Board	Yes	None. Under Board policy, spirits license is not granted if local beer and wine license is denied	None. Under Board policy, spirits license is suspended if local beer and wine license is suspended	None
Virginia	Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control consisting of ABC Board, 3 members, full time, appointed by Governor and confirmed by Gen. Assembly, may be suspended or removed by Governor for cause and impeached.	Yes	None	None	May regulate Sunday hours of sale; may require local license tax
West Virginia	Alcohol Beverage Control Administration, Commissioner, 4-year term	Yes	Must be zoned properly	None	None
Wyoming	Department of Revenue	No	All retail licenses except train issued by local governing body; by city-town if located within same, and if not, by Board of County Supervisors. Department of Revenue/Liquor Division is required to review for state compliance before action by local authority.	None	May further regulate generally

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Alaska	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in Department of Public Safety, 5 members (2 must be engaged in the liquor business except as wholesaler), 3-year terms; Director appointed by Governor	Yes	State provides city or borough with right to protest issuance within 60 days	None	None
Arizona	Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, with Director term concurrent with Governor, 7 members, per diem, Liquor Board 3-year terms; Board and Director removable for cause	No	Local authorities may (not required to) recommend approval or disapproval	None	None
Arkansas	Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration; Director serves at Governor's pleasure; 5 member Board appointed by Governor to 6-year terms	Yes	Incorporated cities and towns are authorized to issue ordinances governing issuance and revocation of retail licenses.	Incorporated cities and towns are authorized to issue ordinances governing issuance and revocation of retail licenses.	Cities and towns are authorized to impose additional rules, such as "fixing zones and territories" and opening/closing hours.
California	Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, who serves at Governor's pleasure and is removable for cause by majority vote of all members of legislature; Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board (3 members) for appeal of penalty or licensing decision of the Director.	No	Department prohibited from issuing license if issuance violates a municipal zoning ordinance or in high crime or over-concentrated areas.	None	Yes.
Colorado	Executive Director, Department of Revenue; delegates to its Liquor Enforcement Division and shares licensing authority with local licensing authorities.	Yes	Retail (and special event) license approval first required at local government level; typically, showing of neighborhood need/desire for a new liquor license and locality conducts initial background investigation (except Division conducts for chain stores or other entities with multiple liquor licenses located throughout state). State then conducts review and final approval.	May revoke local licenses.	Local officers charged with enforcement
Connecticut	Department of Consumer Protection, Division of Liquor Control, 3 Commissioners appointed by Governor	Yes	Municipality ordinance may be enacted requiring prior notice of on-premise license application to chief law enforcement official of town.	Municipality ordinance may be enacted requiring prior notice of on-premise license application to chief law enforcement official of town.	Certain control over hours of sale
Delaware	Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner and 3 members of the Appeals Commission (1 per county) appointed by Governor and approved by Senate; serves at Governor's pleasure.	No	None	None	Municipality may further restrict on-sale closing hours
District of Columbia	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 7 member, 4-year	No	None	None	None

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Florida	Director, Department of Business & Professional Regulation, Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco, who serves at pleasure of the Department Secretary.	Yes	Zoning and location, hours of sale, sanitary regulations, and entertainment.	State may discipline licensee for violation of local ordinances related to hours of sale and service; local government cannot revoke. Local governments have injunction power to abate nuisance.	None
Georgia	Department of Revenue - State Revenue Commissioner, /Alcohol and Tobacco Division - Director	Yes	Local license must be obtained before state license will be issued.	May revoke local licenses, which revokes state license	Counties and cities given wide police powers
Hawaii	Honolulu - County Liquor Commission 5 members, per diem, 5-year term; removable by city head with advice and consent city legislative body; also separate Commissions for other counties	No	Honolulu and Kauai County Commissions issue and revoke all licenses, are vested with wide discretionary authority, and administer all liquor control laws in their respective areas; Maui and Hawaii County Commissions issue licenses, but the suspension or revocation of licenses is vested in a Liquor Control Adjudication Board		
Illinois	Liquor Control Commission, 7 members, part-time, 6-year terms	Yes	Issue local licenses for retailers only (except train, plane or boat, manufacturers, and wholesalers) which are prerequisite to state license	Revoke local license, subject to appeal to ILCC (or in Chicago, license appeal commission).	Regulate hours and operations. Localities determine number and kinds of local retail licenses, except that State law sets forth prohibitions against issuance of licenses.
Indiana	Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, 4 members, chairman full-time and other 3 part-time, 4 year terms; removable at Governor's pleasure	No	Advisory recommendation only, except if 51% of the taxpayers in a residential district where a new permit is to be located sign a remonstrance against it; the Commission must deny it.	None	No license for sale by drink in city under 5,000 unless authorized by ordinance
Kansas	Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue; Director appointed by Governor.	Yes	Advisory recommendation only	None	May restrict closing hours
Kentucky	Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control consists of Commissioner and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; the Board shall consist of the Commissioner, who is Board Chairman, and 2 persons (4-year terms), the director of the Division of Distilled Spirits and director of the Division of Malt Beverages appointed by the Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet with the Governor's approval.	Yes	Local license, if required, prerequisite to going into business	Locally imposed penalties or other actions may be appealed to State ABC Board	Cities of first 4 classes and counties containing same may prescribe closing hours
Louisiana	The Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the	Yes	Refusal to issue local permit precludes	Local authority may revoke	Except as limited by state

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Maryland	Comptroller of Maryland; Local licensing commissioners and liquor control boards administer state laws of local application and local laws; Montgomery, Somerset, and Wicomico Counties are control jurisdictions.	Yes	Issue all retail licenses except train, boat and plane	Revoke licenses locally issued	Broad regulatory powers
Massachusetts	Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission in the Office of the State Treasurer. Commissioner and 2 Associate Commissioners appointed by Treasurer for 4-year terms. Chairman's term co-terminus with Treasurer	Yes	All licensees permitting sales to consumers, except airlines, caterers, trains, and boats issued by local authorities subject to prior approval of Commission.	Local body may revoke; Commission also may revoke	Certain authority to regulate hours of sale.
Minnesota	Director, Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement, appointed by Commissioner of Public Safety; term coterminous with Governor, removable for cause	Yes	Retail sale of alcohol beverages, including types and kinds of licenses, fees, etc., exclusively regulated by localities.	Local body may revoke	May further restrict hours and regulate generally
Missouri	Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the Department of Public Safety; Supervisor serves at the Governor's pleasure	Yes	Counties and cities may issue local licenses	Incorporated cities and St. Louis County may revoke local licenses	May regulate hours for "set up" establishments
Nebraska	Liquor Control Commission; 3 members appointed by the Governor to a 6-year term; Executive Director appointed by the Commission	Yes	Local governing body makes recommendations to the Commission	May revoke all retail, except train, boat, and airline, subject to appeal	May further restrict hours
Nevada	Executive Director and Department of Taxation (9-member Tax Commission; Governor is nonvoting member and appoints others from industry and 1 Public Service Commissioner; per diem, except Governor and PSC member)	Retail sale of alcohol beverages, including types and kinds of licenses, fees, etc., exclusively regulated by localities.			
New Jersey	Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Department of Law and Public Safety (Attorney General heads Department); Director appointed to serve during Governor's term, removable for cause	Yes	Municipalities issue all retail licenses except train, vessel, plane, and limousine and when a member of local issuing authority has an interest in license or when license location is in a public building	Municipalities may revoke any retail license issued by them, subject to appeal	May further regulate off-sale and fully regulate on-sale hours or place special conditions on license
New Mexico	Director, Alcohol and Gaming Division (a division of the State Regulation and Licensing Department)	Yes	Local governing bodies must approve prior to issuance of license by state or transfer	None	May regulate within limits of state law
New York	State Liquor Authority, 3 members, full-time, 3 year term, removable for cause	Yes	Advisory	Advisory	SLA may further restrict hours of retail sale (except in New York City) if requested by a local government
North Dakota	Retail: Attorney General; Wholesale: State Tax Department	Yes	City or county issues all local licenses; retail licenses required from Attorney General and local governing body	Local bodies may revoke any license locally issued; revocation or suspension of state or local license automatically revokes or suspends other	May fix quotas, further restrict hours, and regulate generally

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Oklahoma	Alcohol Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission (ABLE); 7 members, 5-year terms; removable for cause; Commission appoints Director to serve at its pleasure	Yes	County or city may issue and collect occupational license tax free	None	None
Rhode Island	Department of Business Regulation (DBR); its Liquor Control Administration (LCA), headed by Administrator appointed by DBR Director with Governor's approval, contains Bureaus of Inspection and Importation, Director appoints Supervisor of each. DBR/ Liquor Control Hearing Board: 3 members hear appeals of DBR orders regarding licenses/ regulations	Yes	Towns and cities issue all licenses except trains, airlines, boats, convention halls, and caterers	May revoke any license issued locally, subject to appeal to Department	May set license quotas, and further restrict closing hours
South Carolina	Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Section	Yes	None	None	None
South Dakota	Secretary of Department of Revenue and Regulation, appointed by Governor, confirmed by Senate, serves at pleasure of Governor/Special Taxes Division	Yes	Local approval required for retail license	Advisory, except as to suspension of municipal license	Restrict hours, fix quotas, police and enforce, and prohibit Sunday sale
Tennessee	Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 3 members, appointed for Governor's term, removable for cause; Commission appoints Director to serve at its pleasure	Yes	Local body certifies to good moral character of license (applies to off-sale only)	None	May further regulate within limits of state law
Texas	Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 3 members, per diem, 6-year terms; Board appoints Administrator to serve at its pleasure	Yes	Advisory	Advisory	Application for license must include certification by county or township that sale of alcohol is allowed in the area and there is no city ordinance (e.g., zoning restriction) that would prohibit the operation of the business.

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Washington	State Liquor Control Board (WSLCB), 3 members, 6-year terms, removable for cause; With approval of Initiative I-1183 by statewide ballot on November 8, 2011, the distilled spirits industry has been "privatized." Spirits wholesale distribution and retail sales functions have been transferred from the State to holders of newly-created spirits wholesale and retail licenses; and a host of other licensing, distribution, sale, tax, and other changes implementing I-1183 have taken effect.	No	Local Authority (generally: city mayor, police chief or county sheriff) notified of license applications and has 20 days to object to any original or renewal license application. WSLCB encourages applicants to work with local authority to resolve any objections	None	Licensee required to give 5-day written notice to local enforcement office of operating hours 2-6 a.m./on-premise; contests/games if patrons part of entertainment; 1-time outside event (e.g, holiday celebration)/not approved area; male/female dance reviews; and live boxing/wrestling.
Wisconsin	Secretary of Revenue, appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of Senate and serves at the Governor's pleasure	Yes	By local body except public facilities, vessel, and sports club permit issued by Wis. Dept. of Revenue without regard to local option.	May be revoked locally or by court on complaint of duly authorized employee of Wis. Dept. of Revenue	May further restrict hours of sale and regulate generally; local municipality may not restrict the hours of sale for on-premise licensees