

ABCD 2025 LEGISLATIVE LOOKBACK

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 69TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION



ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE
CONTROL
DIVISION

MONTANA

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LIST OF BILLS REGARDING ALCOHOL

BILL	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	AFFECTS	EFFECTIVE DATE
HB 86	BEER AND TABLE WINE DISTRIBUTION ACT AMENDING SECTIONS 16-1-106, 16-1-303, 16-1-406, 16-1-411, 16-3-101, 16-3-104, 16-3-212, 16-3-214, 16-3-241, 16-3-242, 16-3-243, 16-3-244, 16-3301, 16-3-316, 16-3-321, 16-3-402, 16-3-406, 16-3-411, 16-4-101, 16-4-106, 16-4-107, 16-4-313, 16-4-314, 16-4-401, 16-4-406, 16-4-407, 16-4-501, AND 16-4-906, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 16-3-217, 16-3-218, 16-3219, 16-3-220, 16-3-221, 16-3-222, 16-3-223, 16-3-224, 16-3-225, 16-3-226, 16-3-230, 16-3-231, 16-3-232, 163-233, 16-3-234, 16-3-401, 16-3-403, 16-3-404, 16-3-415, 16-3-416, 16-3-417, 16-3-418, 16-3-419, 16-3-420, 16-3-421, AND 16-4-113, MCA.	Reorganizes laws pertaining to beer wholesalers and table wine distributors now that there is just a combined license.	Distributors	5/12/2025
HB 92	REVISING ALCOHOL LAW REGULATION; CORRECTING ERRATA; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-1-302, 16-3-233, 16-3-301, 16-4-414, AND 16-4-801, MCA.	Corrects definition of alcoholic beverage license; adds registrations to the list of items DOR can issue; clarifies how many officers are required to be vetted for publicly traded corporations; removes obsolete language pertaining to distributors; and revises additional statutes to allow wineries the ability to sell wine to agency liquor stores.	Wineries and Agency Liquor Stores	4/7/2025
HB 123	REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS RELATING TO SELF-SERVICE OF BEER AND WINE; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS FOR SELF-POUR OF BEER AND WINE; ALLOWING SELF-POUR FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR OTHER TECHNOLOGY-BASED DEVICES; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS TO THE TERM SELF-SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR ALCOHOL LICENSEE SUPERVISION OF SELF-POUR; PROVIDING THAT METHODS OF PAYMENT FOR BEER AND WINE USING TECHNOLOGY-BASED DEVICES DO NOT CONSTITUTE GIFT CERTIFICATES; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-3-311 AND 30-14-102, MCA.	It allows on-premises licensees to use department-approved electronic devices or other technology-based devices to pour predetermined amounts of beer or wine if the licensee monitors the device to ensure consumers are not overserved.	On-premises Licensees	10/1/2025
HB 150	REVISING OWNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS IN GAMBLING AND ALCOHOL LICENSES; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO REGULATED LENDERS AND ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING LICENSES; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO OTHER PERSONS AND OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE OR GAMBLING LICENSE; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-801 AND 23-5-118, MCA.	Revises language pertaining to regulated lenders and the pledging of an alcoholic beverage license or other assets as collateral.	All Alcoholic Beverage Licensees	10/1/2025
HB 157	REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS RELATING TO THE RESPONSIBLE SERVER AND SALES TRAINING PROGRAM; REQUIRING TWO TRAINING PROGRAMS RELATED TO WHETHER THE SERVER IS EMPLOYED AT A LICENSED LOCATION WHERE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED; REQUIRING THAT A PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES OF LICENSEES ONLY PROVIDING OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION MUST TAKE LESS TIME; AMENDING SECTION 16-4-1006, MCA.	It allows for two different types of RASS training programs: one for employees who work in establishments that provide on-premises consumption and one for employees who work in establishments that only provide off-premises consumption. The off-premises training program must be half the time of the on-premises training program.	All Alcoholic Beverage Licensees Selling to the Public	1/1/2026

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HB 196	REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION; REVISING ALCOHOL SERVER AND SALES TRAINING TO INCLUDE TRAINING RELATED TO DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS; INCLUDING DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AS A PROHIBITED FORM OF FRAUDULENT IDENTIFICATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-1006 AND 16-6-305, MCA.	Update RASS training to include government-certified digital identification cards.	All Alcoholic Beverage Licensees Selling to the Public	10/1/2025
HB 211	ALLOWING OFF-PREMISES BEER AND WINE LICENSES TO DELIVER BEER AND TABLE WINE; CREATING A THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY LICENSE FOR ALCOHOL; ALLOWING AN OFF-PREMISES RETAIL LICENSEE TO HAVE A THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY LICENSEE DELIVER BEER OR TABLE WINE; REQUIRING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL TO THE END CONSUMER; PROVIDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY LICENSEE; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO RESPONSIBLE SERVER TRAINING; PROVIDING FOR LICENSING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF A FEE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-115, 16-4-501, 16-4-1001, 16-4-1002, 16-4-1003, 16-4-1004, 16-4-1005, 16-4-1007, AND 16-4-1008, MCA.	Creates a third-party delivery license; allows off-premises licensees to use drivers of a third-party delivery licensee to deliver beer and table wine to customers; requires drivers to go through a responsible sales and service training program or a delivery training program; allows off-premises licenses who are licensed as a grocery store or pharmacy to apply for a delivery endorsement allowing them to deliver beer and table wine if they use their own employees.	Off-Premises Licensees and New Third-Party Delivery Licensee	1/1/2026
HB 249	REVISING DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION LAWS; INCLUDING DIGITAL VERSIONS OF LICENSES IN ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND MARIJUANA LAWS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 16-3-313, 16-11-305, AND 16-12-104, MCA.	This law requires the protection of the data or metadata behind a person's digital or physical identification. The data or metadata shall be used to determine the person's age only, may not be transferred or sold to another party, and shall be permanently deleted within 180 days of being scanned.	All Alcoholic Beverage Licensees Selling to the Public	10/1/2025
HB 391	REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSEE MAY COMPENSATE A CONCESSIONAIRE BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS OR NET ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES; AND AMENDING SECTION 16-4-418, MCA.	Allows a licensee to compensate a concessionaire also based upon net alcoholic beverage sales.	Alcoholic Beverage Licensees allowed to have Concessionaires and Concessionaires	10/1/2025
HB 491	REVISING LAWS RELATING TO CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY LICENSES; PROVIDING FOR DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL; PROVIDING FOR MULTIPLE CAMPUSES; PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES AT THE CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-3-302, 16-4-315, AND 16-4-1005, MCA.	Revises laws pertaining to continuing care retirement community licenses by: allowing delivery to resident living units on the campus; allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at multiple service locations, patios/decks, and swimming areas; allowing a noncontiguous storage area if two or more service buildings are approved; and revising applicable definitions.	Continuing Care Retirement Center Licensees	7/1/2025
HB 549	REVISING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS; ALLOWING A MONTANA DISTILLERY LICENSEE TO MARKET AND SELL INTERESTS IN AGING LIQUOR THROUGH WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS; ALLOWING THE RESALE OF LIQUOR WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS; ALLOWING MANAGEMENT AND BROKERING OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPT SALES; PROVIDING THAT OWNERSHIP OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS FOR LIQUOR DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE DISTILLERY BUSINESS OR LICENSEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-312 AND 16-4-401, MCA.	Allows a Montana distillery licensee to issue or sell warehouse receipts to any person and allows that person to resell the warehouse receipts to another person. Ownership of warehouse receipts does not constitute ownership, control, or affiliation with the distillery that originally issued the warehouse receipt.	Distillery Licensees	7/1/2025

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HB 668	REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS TO PROHIBIT THE LICENSE OF AN ENLISTED PERSONS', NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS', OR OFFICERS' CLUB LOCATED ON A STATE OR FEDERAL MILITARY RESERVATION OR A POST OF A NATIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A LODGE OF A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION FROM OFFERING GAMBLING AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 23, CHAPTER 5, PARTS 3, 5, OR 6; AMENDING SECTION 23-5-119, MCA.	Bill prohibits gambling activities on the premises of any new entity licensed under 16-4-201(8)(c) or 16-4-105(1)(e). For all-beverage licenses and retail on-premises consumption beer and wine licenses, this includes any post or a nationally chartered veterans' organization or a lodge of a recognized national fraternal organization. For retail on-premises consumption beer and wine licenses, this also includes enlisted persons', noncommissioned officers', or officers' clubs located on a state or federal military reservation.	Newly Licensed Veteran/Fraternal/Officer's Clubs	5/8/2025
HB 735	REVISING ALCOHOL LICENSE LAWS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LICENSED ENTITIES THAT MUST HAVE APPLICANTS SUBMIT FINGERPRINTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-1-106 AND 16-4-414, MCA.	It provides several new definitions and lists the alcoholic beverage license types for which applicants are subject to fingerprint background checks.	Alcoholic Beverage License Applicants	5/8/2025
HB 882	REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO SALES BY CERTAIN LICENSEES IN ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS; PROVIDING A FEE; REVISING LAWS RELATING TO THE SALES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY ENTITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-3-302, 16-3-311, 16-4-213, AND 16-6-303, MCA.	Allows all-beverage licensees or resort all-beverage licensees whose premises includes a hotel and is not within the boundaries of an incorporated city/town to serve alcohol in up to two additional structures separate from the main licensed premises if the additional buildings are located within the boundaries of the same property and under the control of the licensee. Allows, for licensees located in a resort area, the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the licensee's premises that were not sold or provided by the licensee if those alcoholic beverages came from another on-premises consumption licensee in the resort area. Allows on-premises consumption licensees who operate as a guest ranch to sell and serve alcoholic beverages in up to 3 permanent buildings located on the guest ranch, so long as the department determines they are suitable. Provides a \$100 fee for each additional building with the alteration or application.	All-Beverage Licensees and Resort All-Beverage Licensees	6/1/2025
SB 132	AN ACT CREATING SEPARATE CRIMES FOR MINOR IN POSSESSION OR UNLAWFUL ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, OR OTHER INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 16-3-301, 16-3-323, 16-6-314, 16-12-106, AND 45-5-624, MCA.	Allows clearer tracking of penalties for individuals under 21 who possess or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages or marijuana.	Individuals Under 21	10/1/2025
SB 241	REVISING ALCOHOL LICENSES TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FROM DENYING A TRANSFER OF AN ALCOHOL LICENSE SOLELY BECAUSE THE SELLER HAS OUTSTANDING TAXES, PENALTIES, OR INTEREST OWED TO THE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE ALCOHOL LICENSE MAY GO TO ANY OUTSTANDING LIENS OWED TO THE DEPARTMENT; AMENDING SECTIONS 16-4-404 AND 16-6-303, MCA	Prohibits the department from denying or withholding the transfer of a license solely because the seller of the license has outstanding taxes, penalties, or interest. Subjects the proceeds from the sale of the license to any existing liens or warrants for distraint that the department has filed against the seller. Applies to transfers currently in the works and any new ones.	All Alcoholic Beverage Licensees and Applicants	4/8/2025

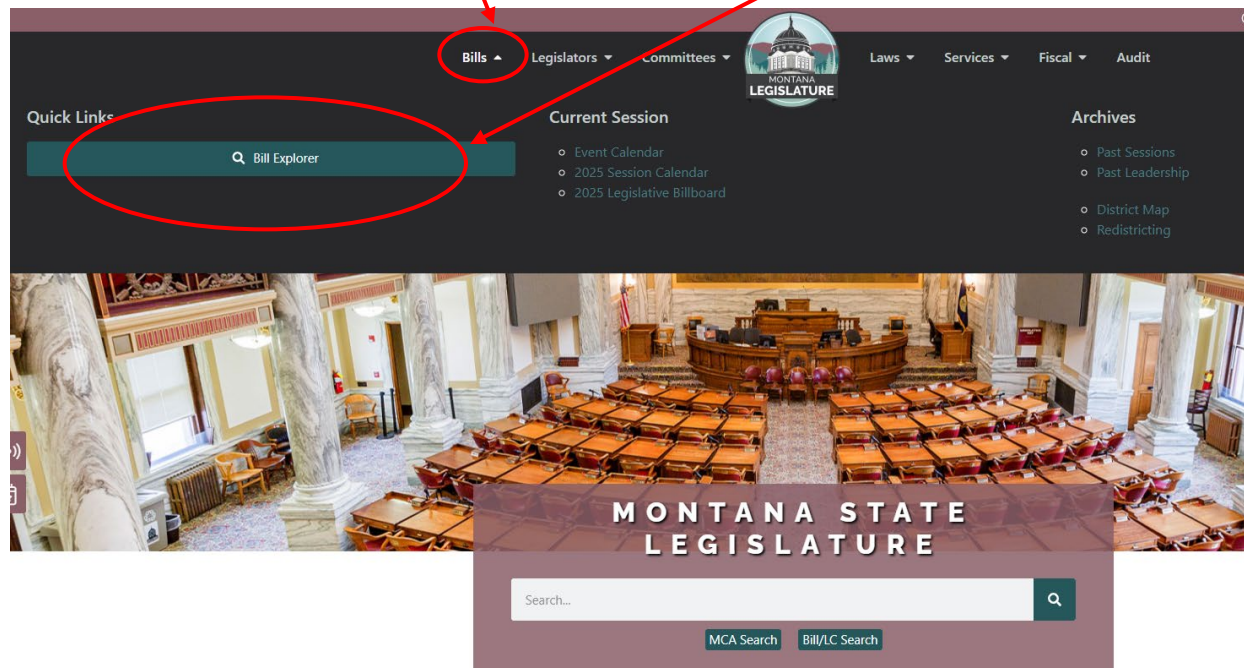
BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

- ✗ HB315 introduced requiring a RBW licensee to obtain 70% gross income from the sale of food (instead of 65%); allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages to patrons at an RBW licensee regardless of whether they order food.
 - ✗ It would have allowed no requirement of the number of days a week to serve and evening meal; hours of no earlier than 8 am or later than 11 pm and serve beer & table wine for 12 consecutive hours.
- ✗ SB150 introduced to create a cigar room endorsement only for all-beverage licenses.
 - ✗ It would have allowed for the smoking of premium cigars in a designated area indoors.
- ✗ SB195 introduced allowing a person who is at least 18 years of age but under the age of 21 to possess and consume beer or table wine.
 - ✗ It would have allowed a person 18 years of age but under the age of 21 with the consent and in the presence of the person's parent, legal guardian, or spouse who is 21 years of age or older, to possess and consume on a licensed premises with the consent of the licensee.
- ✗ HB407 introduced to establish DOR as the regulatory agency for Kratom.
 - ✗ It would have required registration of Kratom processors, distributors, and retailers; implement an excise tax, allow for penalties for violations; and allow the department to create rules.

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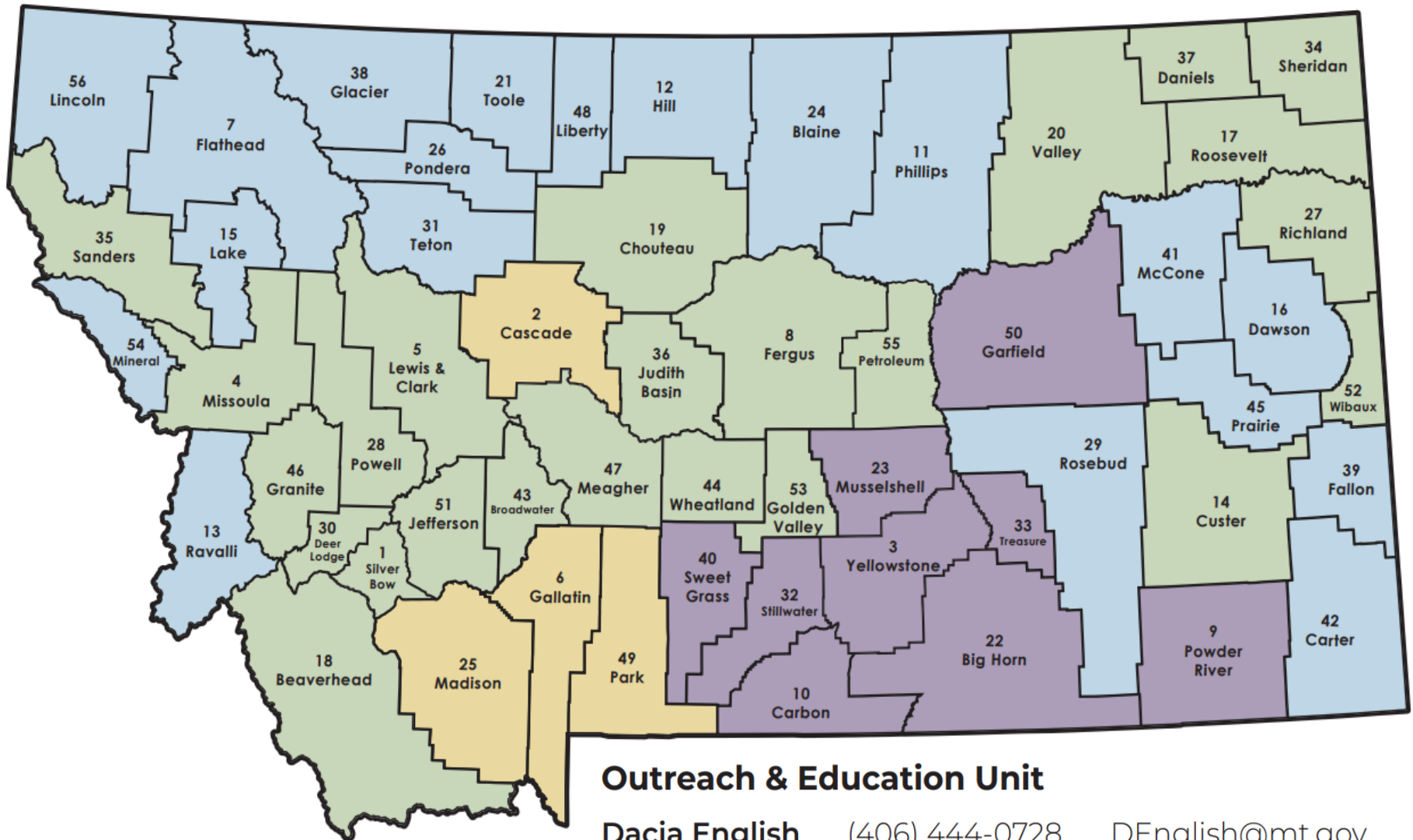
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