



BOURBON BUILDS KENTUCKY. 10+ YEARS OF LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP.



BOURBON. IT'S MORE THAN A DRINK.

Kentucky Bourbon fuels economic development, tourism and agriculture.

For more than a decade, the Kentucky Distillers' Association has led the way in working with members of the General Assembly to grow and enhance our signature distilling industry - keeping Kentucky the one, true and authentic home of America's only native spirit.

		CONSUMER ACCESS	HOSPITALITY & TOURISM	INDUSTRY GROWTH	KEEP KENTUCKY COMPETITIVE	REGULATORY FAIRNESS/PARITY	RESPONSIBILITY	TAX FAIRNESS	WORKFORCE
2024 - SENATE BILL 50 <i>(Sen. Stephen West)</i>	Allows Kentucky's craft distillers to self distribute up to 5,000 gallons of spirits each year to retail outlets including restaurants, bars and bottle shops. The new privilege will help small distilleries grow sales and brand recognition.	*	*	*	*				
2024 - HOUSE BILL 439 <i>(Rep. Matthew Koch)</i>	An omnibus measure that broadens and strengthens alcohol education and responsibility, brings more accountability and transparency to the vintage spirits market, authorizes the ABC to auction confiscated alcohol versus destroying it, and lowers the riverboat classification to 40 passengers allowing alcohol service on smaller vessels.	*	*	*		*			
2023 - HOUSE BILL 5 <i>(House Speaker David Osborne and Rep. Jason Petrie)</i>	Institutes a 20 year phase out of the world's only barrel tax, which has pushed startups and distillery expansions away from Kentucky. Major compromises protect funding for local schools, fire and EMS services			*	*	*		*	*
2022 - HOUSE BILL 500 <i>(Rep. Chad McCoy)</i>	Authorizes private barrel selections and provides new privileges including gift shop exclusive bottles, satellite tasting rooms, and bottle sales and free samples at fairs, festivals and farmers markets.	*	*	*	*	*			*
2021 - SENATE BILL 5 <i>(Sen. President Robert Stivers)</i>	As distilleries made hand sanitizer for COVID-19 response, SB 5 provides legal liability relief to businesses during declared emergencies.					*		*	*
2021 - SENATE BILL 67 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Makes take-home cocktails sold with a prepared meal a permanent privilege for restaurants, a lifeline for hospitality partners during COVID-19.	*	*	*	*				*
2021 - SENATE BILL 68 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Strengthens the distilling industry's workforce development efforts.			*	*				*
2021 - HOUSE BILL 415 <i>(Rep. Adam Koenig)</i>	Updates Kentucky's 2020 national model legislation for direct-to-consumer shipping.	*	*	*	*	*			
2020 - HOUSE BILL 415 <i>(Rep. Adam Koenig)</i>	Establishes a national model for alcohol producers in Kentucky to ship their products directly to consumers in reciprocal states.	*	*	*	*	*			
2020 - HOUSE BILL 351 <i>(Rep. Steven Rudy)</i>	Fixes a tax exemption for new distilling equipment purchasing. Fully funds the state's Ignition Interlock Program via DUI service fees						*	*	*
2020 - SENATE BILL 99 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Allows local-option votes on distillery sales and sampling in dry counties, specifies annual minimum production for a distiller's license and permits distillery gift shop sales of collaborative beer products.	*	*	*	*	*			*
2020 - SENATE BILL 150 <i>(Conference Committee Report)</i>	Provides liability relief for distilleries producing sanitizer and others making COVID-19 protective products. Allows take-home cocktails sales by restaurants and bars in conjunction with food orders, a lifeline for hospitality partners.	*	*	*		*	*		*
2019 - SENATE BILL 85 <i>(Sen. Whitney Westerfield)</i>	Reforms Kentucky's Ignition Interlock statutes with multistakeholder input, including MADD.						*		
2018 - HOUSE BILL 400 <i>(Rep. Chad McCoy)</i>	Creates a national model for shipping spirits, allowing visitors their No. 1 request: to ship bottles from distillery visitor centers to their homes in reciprocal states.	*	*	*	*	*	*		
2017 - HOUSE BILL 100 <i>(Rep. Chad McCoy)</i>	Legitimizes the secondary market in allowing consumers to sell unopened vintage bottles to licensed retailers, spurring world-class vintage Bourbon bars, restaurants and retail shops. HB 100 also further protects Kentucky Bourbon by requiring whiskey to be fermented and aged at least one year in Kentucky to bear the state's name.	*	*	*	*				
2016 - SENATE BILL 11 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Bourbon tourism reforms help make the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® world-class with new privileges, including: onsite restaurants; by-the-drink cocktail sales; additional free sampling; and increased gift shop bottle sales.	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
2015 - HOUSE BILL 60 <i>(Rep. Dennis Keene)</i>	Creates Kentucky's first Ignition Interlock program for DUI offenders.						*		
2014 - HOUSE BILL 445 <i>(Sen. President Robert Stivers and Rep. Rick Rand)</i>	Establishes a Bourbon barrel tax credit to mitigate the world's only barrel tax and encourage reinvestment and growth. This works too well, resulting in unused credits necessitating future legislative action.			*	*	*		*	*
2014 - HOUSE BILL 475 <i>(Rep. Larry Clark)</i>	Allows local voters to authorize alcohol sales in their area state parks.	*	*	*	*		*	*	
2014 - SENATE BILL 83 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Modernizing alcohol laws and license types includes creating a craft distiller license with a lower fee to help attract and grow startups across Kentucky.			*	*	*			*
2013 - SENATE BILL 13 <i>(Sen. John Schickel)</i>	Eliminates a pre-prohibition era law that banned alcohol sales on Election Day and allows local governments to regulate those sales by ordinance.	*	*	*					*