

**§1055. Liquor samples at Class A restaurants and Class A restaurant/lounges**

**1. Liquor samples at restaurants.** A restaurant licensed by the bureau as a Class A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge may offer complimentary samples of malt liquor, wine or spirits to a customer, subject to the following conditions:

- A. A sample may not be given to a person under 21 years of age; [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- B. A person may not be provided more than 3 samples per day, and samples are subject to the following size limits:
  - (1) A sample of malt liquor may not exceed 3 ounces;
  - (2) A sample of wine may not exceed one ounce; and
  - (3) A sample of spirits may not exceed 1/2 of one ounce; [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- C. A person who is visibly intoxicated may not be served; [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- D. The sampling must be conducted during regular business hours of the Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge and must take place on the licensed premises only in areas of the Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge where liquor is normally served to customers; [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- E. Samples may be provided only by employees of the Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge; [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- F. Wine or malt liquor served as a sample must be purchased from a wholesale licensee; and [PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW).]
- G. Spirits served as a sample must be purchased from a reselling agent. [PL 2021, c. 658, §174 (AMD).]

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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2015, c. 142, §3 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 658, §§173, 174 (AMD).

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