



AB 2174 Fact Sheet

Overview

Assembly Bill 2174 (Aguiar-Curry), sponsored by the California Craft Brewers Association, has been signed into law and added as Section 23399.01 of the Business & Professions Code. This law will go into effect on January 1, 2025, allowing craft breweries to sell their beer at public and private events using a Beer Caterer's Permit. This will significantly expand opportunities for small beer manufacturers across the state.

Key Points of the New Law

- Beer manufacturers with a Type 01 or 23 license can sell their beer at private and public events by obtaining a Type 91 - Beer Caterer's Permit.
- For each catered event, the licensee must complete a separate Beer Catering Authorization form with the ABC.
- Beer manufacturers can participate in up to 36 catering events per calendar year and sell up to 124 gallons of beer manufactured by or for the licensee per catering event.
- Public and private events include street fairs, community gatherings, private parties, and civic events held anywhere in the state that have been approved by ABC.
- Beer sold is for on-sale consumption only.
- No more than two (2) beer manufacturers with a Beer Caterer's Permit can sell their beer on the same day for the same event.
- Records of all beer sales conducted under the Beer Caterer's Permit must be kept for a minimum of three (3) years.

Obtaining Your Permit

Starting January 1, 2025, beer manufacturers can apply for a Type 91 Beer Caterer's Permit through the ABC. This permit must be renewed annually.

After obtaining your Type 91 permit, you need to fill out a Beer Catering Authorization form for each catered event. This form will ask for specific details about the event, including the date, time, location, attendance, and purpose. It also requires approval from the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Permit Fees

Beer Caterer's Permit (Type 91): \$275 annually

Beer Catering Authorization (based on event attendance):

- 1,000 attendance or less: \$100
- 1,000 - 5,000 attendees: \$325
- 5,000+ attendees: \$1,000