

Information on Non-Alcoholic Temporary Exemption

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This notice is intended to provide information respecting lounge licensees hosting a non-alcoholic event pursuant to the *Liquor Control Act* and Regulations and should not be regarded or relied upon as a legal interpretation of the Act. In all cases, the legislation should be reviewed to determine requirements.

Authority

Pursuant to sections 126.2(1) to 126.2(7) inclusive of the *Liquor Control Act*, a lounge licensee can be considered for a temporary exemption.

General Information

A licensee can be considered for an exemption if:

- The lounge licence is in good standing with the department and
- A written request for a temporary exemption is received at least 15 business days prior to the scheduled event.

Conditions for Temporary Exemption

With the approval for an exemption, the following conditions will be included and must be adhered to by the licensee:

- The bar must be closed and the service of alcoholic beverages must cease at minimum 2 hours prior to the commencement of a non-alcoholic event.
- All alcoholic beverages must be securely locked during the event and cannot be visible to the minors in attendance.
- No person shall enter the licensed premises where the event is being held after consuming liquor in any quantity.
- No alcoholic beverages are to be bought, sold or provided to any persons(s) or consumed in the licensed premises during the event.
- No alcoholic beverages are to be removed from the licensed premises.
- If applicable, all promotional materials relating to exotic entertainment within the licensed premises must not be visible to the minors in attendance.
- Persons 19 years of age and older cannot attend these events.
- Premises can be open for the sale of alcoholic beverages at 9:00 a.m. the morning following the non-alcoholic function.

The licensee is responsible for providing security personnel and applying the requirements, terms and conditions imposed under the *Liquor Control Act*, its regulations, and any other applicable Act or Regulation required for the setup and operation of the temporary exemption.

Penalties

Violations under the Liquor Control Act could result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$25,000, suspension and/or revocation of the holders' licence to operate. Department of Public Safety Investigators will visit locations to ensure compliance with legislation is being met.

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