

2023 Kansas Statutes

41-354. Microdistillery license; rights of licensee, microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility license; employment restrictions; rules and regulations. (a) A microdistillery license shall allow:

- (1) The manufacture of not more than 50,000 gallons of spirits per year and the storage thereof;
- (2) the sale to spirit distributors of spirits, manufactured by the licensee;
- (3) the sale, on the licensed premises in the original unopened container to consumers for consumption off the licensed premises, of spirits manufactured by the licensee;
- (4) the serving free of charge on the licensed premises and at special events, monitored and regulated by the division of alcoholic beverage control, of samples of spirits manufactured by the licensee, if the premises are located in a county where the sale of alcoholic liquor is permitted by law in licensed drinking establishments;
- (5) if the licensee is also licensed as a club or drinking establishment, the sale of spirits and other alcoholic liquor for consumption on the licensed premises as authorized by the club and drinking establishment act; and
- (6) if the licensee is also licensed as a caterer, the sale of spirits and other alcoholic liquor for consumption on unlicensed premises as authorized by the club and drinking establishment act.

(b) Upon application and payment of the fee prescribed by K.S.A. 41-310, and amendments thereto, by a microdistillery licensee, the director may issue not to exceed one microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility license to the microdistillery licensee. A microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility license shall allow:

- (1) The transfer, from the licensed premises of the microdistillery to the licensed premises of the microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility, of spirits manufactured by the licensee, for the purpose of packaging or storage, or both;
- (2) the transfer, from the licensed premises of the microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility to the licensed premises of the microdistillery, of spirits manufactured by the licensee; or
- (3) the removal from the licensed premises of the microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility of spirits manufactured by the licensee for the purpose of delivery to a licensed spirits wholesaler.

(c) A microdistillery may sell spirits in the original unopened container to consumers for consumption off the licensed premises at any time between 6 a.m. and 12 midnight on any day. If authorized by subsection (a), a microdistillery may serve samples of spirits and serve and sell spirits and other alcoholic liquor for consumption on the licensed premises at any time when a club or drinking establishment is authorized to serve and sell alcoholic liquor.

(d) The director may issue to the Kansas state fair or any bona fide group of distillers a permit to import into this state small quantities of spirits. Such spirits shall be used only for bona fide educational and scientific tasting programs and shall not be resold. Such spirits shall not be subject to the tax imposed by K.S.A. 41-501, and amendments thereto. The permit shall identify specifically the brand and type of spirit to be imported, the quantity to be imported, the tasting programs for which the spirit is to be used and the times and locations of such programs. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations governing the importation of spirits pursuant to this subsection and the conduct of tasting programs for which such spirits are imported.

(e) A microdistillery license or microdistillery packaging and warehousing facility license shall apply only to the premises described in the application and in the license issued and only one location shall be described in the license.

(f) No microdistillery shall:

- (1) Employ any person under the age of 18 years in connection with the manufacture, sale or serving of any alcoholic liquor;
- (2) permit any employee of the licensee who is under the age of 21 years to work on the licensed premises at any time when not under the on-premises supervision of either the licensee or an employee of the licensee who is 21 years of age or over;

- (3) employ any person under 21 years of age in connection with mixing or dispensing alcoholic liquor; or
 - (4) employ any person in connection with the manufacture or sale of alcoholic liquor if the person has been convicted of a felony.
 - (g) Whenever a microdistillery licensee is convicted of a violation of the Kansas liquor control act, the director may revoke the licensee's license and all fees paid for the license in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act.
 - (h) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2012.
 - (i) All rules and regulations adopted on and after July 1, 2012, and prior to July 1, 2013, to implement this section shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of the secretary until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.
 - (j) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas liquor control act.
- History:** L. 2012, ch. 144, § 2; L. 2013, ch. 130, § 5; L. 2018, ch. 99, § 5; May 24.