

2021 Kansas Statutes

41-2905. Same; duties of beer retailer; violations; penalties; duties of secretary; rules and regulations. (a) Prior to the sale at retail of any beer in a container having a liquid capacity of four or more gallons, the retailer or the retailer's employee or agent shall affix to the beer container a keg identification number or otherwise uniquely identify the container in accordance with this act and rules and regulations adopted by the secretary. At the time of sale at retail of any such container of beer, the retailer or the retailer's employee or agent shall record the keg number; the date of the sale; the purchaser's name and address; and the number on the purchaser's driver's license, Kansas nondriver's identification card or other official or apparently official document that reasonably appears to contain both the purchaser's picture and the purchaser's signature, which shall be exhibited at the time of sale. Such record shall be kept by the retailer at the premises where the sale was made. Such record shall be kept by the retailer until the container is returned or until the expiration of six months following the date of the sale.

(b) For the purpose of investigating a violation of laws prohibiting the furnishing to or possession or consumption of beer by persons under the age of 21 and if such violation involves a container required to be registered under the beer and cereal malt beverage keg registration act and if there is reason to believe that a retailer sold such container, such retailer's records relating to the sale of such container which are required to be kept by this section shall be available for inspection by any law enforcement officer during normal business hours of the retailer. Records required to be kept by this section shall not be available for inspection or use or subject to subpoena in any civil or administrative action or criminal prosecution other than a civil or administrative action or criminal prosecution relating to a specific violation of this section or K.S.A. 21-3610, prior to its repeal, or subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2021 Supp. 21-5607, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 41-727, and amendments thereto. Except as specifically provided by this subsection, records required to be kept by this section shall not be sold, distributed or otherwise released to any person other than an agent of the retailer or to a law enforcement agency.

(c) Upon a determination that a retailer or a retailer's employee or agent has violated this section or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section, the director may suspend or revoke the retailer's license in the manner provided by K.S.A. 41-320, and amendments thereto, and may impose a fine as provided by K.S.A. 41-328, and amendments thereto.

(d) It is a class B nonperson misdemeanor for a person who is not a retailer acting in the ordinary course of business to: (1) Remove from a beer container all or part of a keg identification number required pursuant to this section; (2) make unreadable all or any part of a keg identification number required by this section to be affixed to a beer container; or (3) possess a beer container required to be registered under this act that does not have the keg identification number required by this section.

(e) The secretary of revenue shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Such rules and regulations shall include, but shall not be limited to, provisions relating to records and establishing standards for marking and handling containers which are required to be registered by this act.

(f) The secretary of revenue shall provide any keg identification tags or labels required by this section. Such tags or labels shall be designed so that when affixed to a keg, such tags or labels do not mar or otherwise damage the keg. There shall be no charge for such tags or labels.

(g) If a person sold beer in compliance with the provisions of this section and any rules

and regulations adopted pursuant thereto, it shall be a defense to any criminal prosecution or proceeding or civil or administrative action under this section.

(h) The provisions of this section shall not apply to sales of kegs by distributors or retailers to clubs, drinking establishments, hotel drinking establishments and caterers licensed under the club and drinking establishment act.

(i) Words or phrases used in this section shall have the meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 41-102, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 2002, ch. 44, § 5; L. 2008, ch. 126, § 11; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 184; July 1.