

Regulating Kegs

This Act establishes a procedure for tagging each keg of beer sold at retail for off premises consumption and requires retailers to maintain records of keg purchases. This Act also provides penalties for violations. Other states with keg registration laws include: California, Connecticut, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

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Status: Enacted into law in 2002.

Suggested State Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as the "Keg Registration Act."
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3 Section 2. [*Restricting Selling Kegs of Beer.*]

4 (a) Every retailer of kegs of beer shall affix a removable tag to each keg of beer sold
5 which shall contain:

6 (1) The name and address of the person purchasing the keg;

7 (2) The following language:
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9 "[State] law prohibits the sale, delivery, service of or giving away to, or causing, or
10 permitting or procuring to be sold, delivered, served, or given away any alcoholic
11 beverage to any person who has not reached his or her 21st birthday. A violation of this
12 statute is an offense punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and 6 months imprisonment.
13 Minimum fine for first offense is \$350. The purchaser shall not remove or obliterate the
14 keg tag nor allow its removal or obliteration. A keg without a tag attached shall be
15 subject to confiscation by the police."
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17 (b) The retailer shall maintain a record of persons purchasing kegs, a keg sales book,
18 which includes: name, address, date, and name brand of beer, and whether or not the keg was
19 returned without the tags or not returned at all.

20 (c) The sign-in keg sales book shall be prescribed, published, and approved at the
21 direction and control of the [division]. The book shall contain at least 400 pages, shall be
22 uniform throughout the state, and shall be distributed at a cost not to exceed \$7.00.

23 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to those classes of licensed beverage
24 retailers, which are prohibited by law from making off premises sales.

25 (d) The [director of the department of business regulation] shall design a uniform keg tag,
26 which fulfills the provisions of this section.
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28 Section 3. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]
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30 Section 4. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]
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32 Section 5. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]