

State of Louisiana
Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

John Bel Edwards
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Juana Marine-Lombard
Commissioner

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WARNING NOTICE
(Alcohol Vending Machines)

To All:

Vending machines which dispense alcohol must be pre-approved by the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) prior to their being placed, installed, or operated on a licensed premises. Vending machines which dispense alcohol are only allowed on Class A licensed premises as per La. R.S. 26:90(K) and 26:286(A)(9) and only pursuant to the regulations contained in LAC 55:VII.305(E) which specify, in part, that: (1) all laws regulating retail establishments apply, including, but not limited to, age requirements and prohibition on service to intoxicated persons; (2) the alcohol vending machine is located such that they are within the unobstructed line of sight and within 25 feet of at least one employee who is on duty during all hours of operation; (3) all patrons must present a driver's license or other lawful identification which establishes the person as 21 years of age or older prior to approaching the vending machine; and (4) all alcohol vending machines must be under functioning video surveillance during all hours of operation.

Furthermore, all Class A license holders are reminded that the placement, installation, and operation of a vending machine which dispenses alcohol must still comply with all tied house laws and regulations and the retailer must not accept anything of value from a manufacturer, supplier, or wholesaler in compliance with LAC 55:VII.317(B-C), which prevents a retailer from accepting an alcohol vending machine or use of a alcohol vending machine from a manufacturer, supplier, or wholesaler. The alcohol vending machines shall not serve one alcohol manufacturer's product to the exclusion of others and shall not have any alcohol manufacturer branding on the machine, except as brand-equal and minimally necessary to inform and allow a customer to choose a product from the machine. Additionally, coins or tokens utilized for alcohol vending machines shall not display any alcohol manufacturer branding.

Violation of the law or regulation on the usage of alcohol vending machines will result in the immediate shut down of the machine and will subject the retailer to penalties, which may include the suspension of the retailers license.

Should you have any questions regarding same, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juana Marine-Lombard".

Juana Marine-Lombard, Commissioner
Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control