The Legislature Passed TABC's Sunset Bill (HB 1545)

- Increases the number of commissioners from 3 to 5.
- Reduces the number of licenses/permits by half (consolidates 75 into 36).
  - Removes requirement for distributors to register their drivers as agents (9/1/19).
  - Combines and eliminates several other license/permit types (9/1/19 & 9/1/21).
- Merges beer and ale into one malt beverage category (applies beer laws/regs) (9/1/21).
- Streamlines label approval for “malt beverages” (TABC must accept COLA) (12/31/20).
- Eliminates certain outdoor advertising requirements (12/31/19).
- Requires that all contested applications go to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (12/31/20).
- Authorizes beer-to-go sales at Texas breweries (9/1/19).
- Expands the cap on liquor store ownership from 5 to 250 (9/1/19).

Pending Gov. Abbott’s Approval
County Clerks’ Statutory Authority

- **Must certify the wet/dry status** of a location for which a person seeks to apply for a TABC license or permit.
  - *NEW – County must certify within 30 days* (effective 9/1/19)
    
    TX Alc. Bev. Code, Sections 11.37 & 61.37

- **May collect a local fee** from businesses to which TABC has issued a state alcohol license or permit.
  - *NEW – local governments may contract with an attorney or vendor to collect unpaid local fees from TABC licensees/permittees* (pending Gov. Abbott’s approval)
    
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County Certification of Wet/Dry Status

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Sections 11.37 & 61.37
TABC Forms & Instructions

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- Forms and Instructions

Fundraising and Temporary Permits
- Promotional Permits

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- TABC Guide for County Clerks - February 2013

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Off-Premise Prequalification Packet

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Form L-OFF (12/2017)
Examples: County Clerk Certification Pages
County Must Certify within 30 Days

• New Law from the 86th Texas Legislative Session
• HB 1443 by Rep. Senfronia Thompson
  • City/County must certify the wet/dry status of a location in their jurisdiction not later than 30 days after a prospective TABC license/permit applicant requests certification.
  • If the City/County refuses to issue certification, the applicant is entitled to a hearing before the county Judge.
• Signed by Governor Abbott & Effective on 9/1/19
County Collection of Local Fee on TABC Licensees/Permittees

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| Search for Approved Labels/Products. |
| Who is allowed to ship wine to Texans? |
| Public Entertainment Facility |

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If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about our Public Inquiry System, please send them to public.inquiry@tabc.texas.gov.

### Transactions

| Seller Server School: Order Seller Server Certificate Numbers |
| CCL - Cash Credit Law |
| Online Renewals for Licenses/Permits |

Go to [Online Services](#).

### Seller Training Certificate Inquiry

Click the following link to PRINT a copy of your certificate to sell or serve alcohol. [Certificate Inquiry](#).

### Education

- **Standard Drink Calculator**
- **List of Seller Server Schools**

### Tax Assessor-Collector

- **Liquor/Beer Issued Inquiry** (4st card replacement)
- **Mailied Renewal Applications Inquiry**
Public Inquiry
Liquor/Beer Issued Inquiry

Liquor/Beer Issued Inquiry
To obtain your 4X6 liquor/beer card information select the desired criteria: specific county or city, month, year and application type. Then select output type format for the information display preference. By choosing PDF format you can replicate the 4X6 cards on one of the various 4X6 card stock products available.

Location: County ▼ ANDERSON ▼
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Collection of Unpaid Local Fees

• New Law from the 86th Texas Legislative Session
• HB 3754 by Rep. Dustin Burrows
  • Allows a city, town, or county to contract with an attorney or a vendor to collect unpaid fees levied on TABC licensees/permittees (TX Alc. Bev. Code, Sections 11.38 & 61.36) that are more than 60 days past due. Allows the contracted attorney or vendor collecting the fee to assess a collection charge to a license/permit holder for late or non-payment.
  • Allows TABC to suspend a license/permit if the licensee/permittee has not paid the local fee within 180 days after the fee was levied.
• IF signed/allowed to take effect by Governor Abbott, these new provisions will be effective on 9/1/19.
Best Practices
For Local Fee Collections & Submitting Requests to TABC

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**BEFORE** Notifying TABC of Non-Payment

First, make sure that TABC has **APPROVED** the license/permit.

Attempt to collect the liabilities due:

- Contact the license/permit holder via phone, mail or email;

- Advise the license/permit holder of the consequences for failing to pay the liabilities due.
Upon notification from the City/County of ANY amount that is owed: the Licensing Division places a “hold” on the L/P

- If amount owed is less than $1,000 – Licensing Division handles.
  - If notification received is greater than 60 days from renewal date of L/P, letter is written to advise L/P of the delinquency;
  - If notification received is within 60 days from renewal date of L/P, then delinquency is addressed upon renewal of the L/P:
    - If payment is not received, then renewal is refused and L/P is out of business.
### TABC Process for Local Fee Issues

Upon notification from the City/County of **ANY** amount that is owed:
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- **If amount owed is greater than $1,000** – Licensing forwards that notification to the Audit Division.
  - Audit opens an administrative action against the L/P;
  - Audit generates and hand delivers letter advising the L/P of the delinquency and actions required to resolve the delinquency, 21 days from receipt;
- **After 21 days and NO payment:**
  - Audit schedules a settlement hearing:
    - If amount owed is paid at that time, case is dismissed.
    - Audit generates settlement agreement for cancellation of the L/P –OR–
    - L/P can request a hearing before SOAH
**TABC Requests**

- **Sending Your List of Delinquent Licensees/Permittees to TABC:**
  - Include no more than 10 delinquent licensees/permittees in each email.
  - If you have more than 10, you may submit additional emails.
  - Larger emails present room for error.

- **Do Not Send TABC Multiple Notifications for a Delinquent Licensee/Permittee**
  - Once reported the licensee/permittee remains on the list until you notify TABC that the liability has been paid.

- **Check status of License/Permit to ensure they are still Current/Active**

Notify TABC as soon as possible when payment has been made.
Questions? Contact TABC Support

Delinquent Fees Due: Please Contact TABC HQ
Teresa Shed at 512-206-3382 or via email @: Teresa.Shed@tabc.texas.gov

General TAC Questions: Please Contact TABC HQ
Lauren Key at 512-206-3312 or via email @: Lauren.Key@tabc.texas.gov

Local Questions/Concerns: Please Contact A Local Regional Office

Region 1:
Lubbock Licensing Regional Office: (806) 793-3221

Region 2:
Arlington Licensing Regional Office: (817) 652-5912

Region 3:
Houston Licensing Regional Office: (713) 426-7900

Region 4:
Austin Licensing Regional Office: (512) 451-0231

Region 5:
San Antonio Licensing Regional Office: (210) 731-1720
TABC Online Support

• *Guide for Tax Assessor-Collectors (February 2019)* may be found on our website at: [http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/publications/licensing/TAC.pdf](http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/publications/licensing/TAC.pdf)

• *Tax Assessor Collector Notices* may be found on our website at: [https://www.tabc.state.tx.us/licensing/notices.asp](https://www.tabc.state.tx.us/licensing/notices.asp)

• *Billing Card Inquiry, Examples and Inquiry instructions* may be found on our website at: [http://www.tabc.texas.gov/licensing/current_month/county_listing.asp](http://www.tabc.texas.gov/licensing/current_month/county_listing.asp)

• *Two-Year Fee Chart* may be found on our website at: [www.tabc.texas.gov](http://www.tabc.texas.gov)

• *Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code* may be found on our website at: [www.tabc.texas.gov](http://www.tabc.texas.gov)
Thank You!