

Sec. 4-1. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcohol means ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, or spirits of wine, from whatever source or by whatever process produced.

Alcoholic beverage means all alcohol, distilled spirits, beer, spirituous liquors, malt beverage, wine, or fortified wine as defined in this section.

Brown bag establishment means any restaurant, private club or other establishment providing food or entertainment in the normal course of business, and in which the owners or their agents knowingly allow patrons to bring in and consume the patrons' own alcoholic beverages.

Brown bagging means the act of patrons entering any restaurant, private club, or other establishment providing food or entertainment in the normal course of business and bringing in and consuming the patrons' own alcoholic beverage.

Close corporation means a domestic corporation that does not:

- (1) Have more than five stockholders;
- (2) Have a corporation as a shareholder; or
- (3) Have more than one class of stock.

Distilled spirits or spiritous liquors means any alcoholic beverage obtained by distillation or containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume including, but not limited to, all fortified wines, whiskey, rum, gin, brandy, vodka, tequila and all other alcoholic beverages of a similar nature and with similar alcoholic content.

Event Venue, to include Banquet Halls, means a fixed, permanent place of business that is designed, marketed and primarily used for pre-booked private or ticketed functions such as weddings, banquets, conferences, reunions, or similar gatherings and is not open to the public except in connection with such events.

Family means includes any person related to the holder of a license within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity as computed according to civil law.

Fortified wine means any alcoholic beverage containing more than 24 percent alcohol by volume made from fruits, berries or grapes either by natural fermentation or by natural fermentation with brandy added. The term "fortified wine" includes, but is not limited to, brandy.

Hotel means every building or other structure kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where food is actually served and consumed and sleeping accommodations are offered for adequate pay to travelers and guests, whether transient, permanent or residential. To meet the definition of "hotel" under this chapter, the facility must have 50 or more rooms used for sleeping accommodations of such guests and one or more public dining rooms, with an adequate and sanitary kitchen and a seating capacity of at least 25 persons, where meals are regularly served to such guests. As used in this section, the term "seating" shall mean that no more than 25 percent of such seating shall be at a common table or counter area or shall be other than individual tables or booths designed for seating of at least two individuals. All sleeping accommodations and dining rooms must be conducted in the same building or in separate buildings or structures used in connection therewith that are on the same premises and are a part of the hotel operation. Motels meeting the qualifications set out herein for hotels shall be classified in the same category as hotels. Hotels shall have the privilege of granting franchises for the operation of a restaurant in their premises, and the holder of such franchise shall be eligible for a license under the "hotel" classification. At least 55 percent of the receipts of the dining room or rooms shall come from the sale of food. To be included in the tabulation of receipts for the purpose of this calculation, are all receipts of all

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persons laboring in the dining room, including the services of all independent contractors, performers, servers, entertainers, or other non-employee personnel not to include, however, persons who are called in the dining room from other licensed businesses to perform services, repairs or construction on equipment or building premises. For purposes of this section, the calculations of receipts for alcoholic beverages shall be made pursuant to the scheduling of pricing and the regulations contained therein as required by section 4-147. Receipts for room rentals shall not be included in the calculations.

Individual means a natural person.

Interest in license means an individual is deemed to have an interest in a license if:

- (1) He is the owner of the license.
- (2) He is the co-owner of the license.
- (3) He is a partner in any partnership that owns an interest in a license.
- (4) He is a stockholder holding more than five percent of the stock in any corporation and or is a stockholder in any corporation that has fewer than 25 stockholders, which owns an interest in a license.
- (5) He shares in any income or corpus of any trust fund having any interest in a license to sell at retail.

License representative. If a license representative is required, the license representative shall be a resident of the State of Georgia and a manager of the business who is on the premises on a regular basis.

Lounge/bar means a separate room connected with, a part of, and adjacent to, a restaurant or a room located in hotels as defined herein, and which serves no food. A lounge/bar shall not be permitted to sell or serve alcoholic beverages.

Malt beverage.

- (1) The term "malt beverage" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of any infusion or decoction of barley, malt, hops, or any other similar product, or any combination of such products in water, containing not more than 14 percent alcohol by volume, and including, but not limited to, ale, porter, brown, stout, lager beer, malt liquor, small beer and strong beer.
- (2) The term "malt beverage" does not include sake, known as Japanese rice wine.

Meal or regular meal.

- (1) The term "meal" or "regular meal" means a meal which is prepared on the premises according to the order of the patron or customer given to a waiter or waitress at the table, booth or counter area where the customer is seated and served by the waiter or waitress at said table, booth or counter area.
- (2) The term "meal" or "regular meal" does not include food served in a specialty shop; nor food served over the counter; nor "short order meals" such as sandwiches, hot dogs or hamburgers; nor prepackaged, individual meals.

Minor means any person under the age of 21 years.

Package means a bottle, can, keg, barrel, or other original consumer container.

Performing Arts Venue means an indoor facility primarily used for live theatrical, musical, dance, cinematic, or other staged artistic performances before a seated audience operated on a ticketed or reserved-admission basis, and not functioning as a bar, restaurant, or nightclub.

Person means any individual, firm, partnership, cooperative, nonprofit membership corporation, joint venture, association, company, corporation, agency, syndicate, estate, trust, business trust, receiver, fiduciary, or