

STATE OF MAINE BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS DIVISION OF LIQUOR LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT 8 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0008

## So, you want to be a Mobile Bar in Maine



Unfortunately, Maine liquor laws do not provide for a mobile bar or food truck license. However, there may be other options to consider.

To utilize a mobile bar, you will need to qualify as a licensee under Title 28-A section 1052 or section 1076.

Section 1052 licenses are as follows.

- 1. Class A Restaurant
- 2. Class A Restaurant-Lounge
- 3. Class A Lounge
- 4. Hotel
- 5. Bed & Breakfast
- 6. Auditoriums
- 7. Civic Auditoriums
- 8. Performing Art Centers

Section 1076 licenses are as follows.

1. Qualified Catering Services

There are several pieces that are required by law to consider when applying for a license that will include a mobile bar as part of your business plan:

- 1. You will need a permanent "brick and mortar" structure
  - a. The Bureau does not license your mobile unit as a standalone qualifying facility.

- 2. You will need a qualifying kitchen licensed by the Department of Health and Human Service.
  - a. This kitchen may not be shared with other business entities regardless of whether or not those who are sharing the kitchen will have a liquor license.
- 3. You will be required to have additional licenses from other state agencies.
  - a. Heath Inspection Program at Department of Health Human Services.
  - b. Seller's Certificate from Maine Revenue Services
- 4. You will be required to obtain municipal approval through a public hearing process based on the process of the specific municipality.

As you develop your business plan, you must understand that there will be other regulatory requirements to qualify. We highly recommend that when you are ready to move forward with your plan that you reach out to the Bureau for guidance. Please contact us at <u>MaineLiquor@maine.gov</u> and provide your location to be put in touch with your district liquor licensing inspector.