**18 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**553 BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS**

**Chapter 140: MERCHANDISING AND STOCK**

*(Note: this rule chapter was formerly 16-226 Ch. 14 of the Department of Public Safety, Liquor Licensing and Inspections Unit.)*

1. Agents must purchase all spirits from the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages/Lottery Operation and/or a State Liquor Store.

2. Agents must stock at least $10,000 of bottled spirits if they are located in a town of at least 6000 population. All agents are required to have at least 100 different codes on hand or in stock.

3. A licensed liquor salesman or wholesale licensee, their agent or employee may stock spirits in an agency liquor store, but may not disturb another person’s merchandise.

4. All merchandise must be priced individually or prices posted by brand in a conspicuous place.

5. Signs stating age requirement to purchase liquor shall be prominently displayed in all agency stores.

6. Escrow accounts for sales of spirits to on-premise licensees may be used with approval of the Bureau.

7. For the purpose of receiving payment in an agency store or retail store, an employee must be 17 years old to receive payment for intoxicating liquor provided that there is a 21 year old present in a supervisory capacity. Persons 15 years of age may handle liquor for the purpose of stocking shelves and delivering to vehicles.

8. Agents must confine liquor to selling areas designated in the agency application.

9. Any change in agent’s storage or selling space must be sanctioned by the Bureau.

10. *(Repealed.)*

11. Agents may not deliver liquor in areas where the sale of same is not permitted by law.

12. Agents must have and display Federal Tax Stamp for retail sales.

13. All sales of spirituous liquor are final except defective products may be exchanged or refunded, and an agency liquor store may permit the return of a bottle of spirits from a consumer if the bottle has not been opened or tampered with and is accompanied by a sales receipt that shows the bottle of spirits was purchased within the last 10 days from that agency liquor store.

14. *(Repealed.)*

16. Agents must have a Federal Wholesale Tax Stamp to sell to retail licensees.

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