



Relative and Applicable Statutes and Rules:

RSA 179:17; Emergency Order #52

On- Premises Compliance with Covid- 19 Guidelines

1. Purpose

In our continued efforts to assist New Hampshire liquor licensees during the COVID-19 pandemic, the New Hampshire Liquor Commission-Division of Enforcement & Licensing would like to clarify the consequences for failing to comply with emergency orders pertaining to on- premises licensees.

2. Discussion

Emergency Order #52 Exhibit B was established by the New Hampshire Governor's Office with the specific intent to reduce transmission of COVID-19 among employees and customers; support healthy business operations; and maintain a healthy work environment.

It is recognized that the vast majority of New Hampshire businesses have complied with the guidance and have made accommodations within their businesses in order to promote the safety and wellbeing of their employees and the general public.

Unfortunately, a very small percentage of businesses have failed to comply with the Emergency Orders despite repeated educational efforts and verbal counseling's.

On- Premises licensees are required to follow these guidelines in the operation of their respective businesses. These guidelines are not voluntary and are in no way optional.

If the Division of Enforcement & Licensing receives continued complaints upon specific licensees who fail to come into compliance, additional mandates will be made upon the businesses.

Mandates issued by the Division of Enforcement may include, but are not limited to:

1. The issuance of a Commission Order to comply with the guidelines.
2. A reduction in service hours, pursuant to RSA 179:17.
3. Possible civil penalties.



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A complete listing of the sector guidance documents can be found at:

<https://www.governor.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt336/files/files/emergency-order-52-b.pdf>

To report a licensee in violation of the New Hampshire Covid- 19 guidelines, please contact the Division of Enforcement & Licensing tip line at 603-271-4240 or nhlctipline@liquor.nh.gov.

3. Questions

Please contact the New Hampshire Liquor Commission- Division of Enforcement & Licensing at 603-271-3521.