



AN ACT REVISING ALCOHOL LAWS TO PROHIBIT THE LICENSE OF AN ENLISTED PERSONS', NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS', OR OFFICERS' CLUB LOCATED ON A STATE OR FEDERAL MILITARY RESERVATION OR A POST OF A NATIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A LODGE OF A RECOGNIZED NATIONAL FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION FROM OFFERING GAMBLING AS PROVIDED UNDER TITLE 23, CHAPTER 5, PARTS 3, 5, OR 6; AMENDING SECTION 23-5-119, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 23-5-119, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-5-119. Appropriate alcoholic beverage license for certain gambling activities. (1) Except as provided in subsection (3), to be eligible to offer gambling under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6, an applicant must own in the applicant's name:

(a) a retail all-beverages license issued under 16-4-201, but the owner of a license transferred after July 1, 2007, pursuant to 16-4-204 is not eligible to offer gambling. Licenses issued under 16-4-201(8)(c) after [the effective date of this act] may not offer gambling activities;

(b) except as provided in subsection (1)(c), a license issued prior to October 1, 1997, under 16-4-105, authorizing the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the licensed premises. Licenses issued under 16-4-105(1)(e) after [the effective date of this act] may not offer gambling activities;

(c) a beer and wine license issued in an area outside of an incorporated city or town as provided in 16-4-105(1)(f). The owner of the license whose premises are situated outside of an incorporated city or town may offer gambling, regardless of when the license was issued, if the owner and premises qualify under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6.

(d) a retail beer and wine license issued under 16-4-109;

(e) a resort retail all-beverages license issued under 16-4-213; or

(f) a retail all-beverages license issued under 16-4-208.

(2) For purposes of subsection (1)(b), a license issued under 16-4-105 prior to October 1, 1997, may be transferred to a new owner or to a new location or transferred to a new owner and location by the department of revenue pursuant to the applicable provisions of Title 16. The owner of the license that has been transferred may offer gambling if the owner and the premises qualify under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6.

(3) Lessees of retail all-beverages licenses issued under 16-4-208 or beer and wine licenses issued under 16-4-109 who have applied for and been granted a gambling operator's license under 23-5-177 are eligible to offer and may be granted permits for gambling authorized under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6.

(4) A license transferee or a qualified purchaser operating pending final approval under 16-4-433 who has been granted a gambling operator's license under 23-5-177 may be granted permits for gambling under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6.

(5) A license issued under a competitive bidding process as provided in 16-4-430 is not eligible to offer gambling under Title 23, chapter 5, part 3, 5, or 6."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 668, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

HOUSE BILL NO. 668

INTRODUCED BY E. BUTTREY

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