

123.24 Alcoholic liquor sales by the division — dishonored checks — liquor prices.

1. The division shall sell alcoholic liquor at wholesale only. The division shall sell alcoholic liquor to class “E” liquor control licensees only. The division shall offer the same price on alcoholic liquor to all class “E” liquor control licensees without regard for the quantity of purchase or the distance for delivery. However, the division may assess a split-case charge when liquor is sold in quantities which require a case to be split.

2. *a.* The division may accept from a class “E” liquor control licensee a cashier’s check which shows the licensee is the remitter or a check issued by the licensee in payment of alcoholic liquor. If a check is subsequently dishonored, the division shall cause a notice of nonpayment and penalty to be served upon the class “E” liquor control licensee or upon any person in charge of the licensed premises. The notice shall state that if payment or satisfaction for the dishonored check is not made within ten days of the service of notice, the licensee’s liquor control license may be suspended under section 123.39. The notice of nonpayment and penalty shall be in a form prescribed by the administrator, and shall be sent by certified mail.

b. If upon notice and hearing under section 123.39 and pursuant to the provisions of chapter 17A concerning a contested case hearing, the administrator determines that the class “E” liquor control licensee failed to satisfy the obligation for which the check was issued within ten days after the notice of nonpayment and penalty was served on the licensee as provided in paragraph “*a*” of this subsection, the administrator may suspend the licensee’s class “E” liquor control license for a period not to exceed ten days.

3. The administrator may refuse to sell alcoholic liquor to a class “E” liquor control licensee who tenders a check or electronic funds transfer which is subsequently dishonored until the outstanding obligation is satisfied.

4. The price of alcoholic liquor sold by the division shall include a markup of up to fifty percent of the wholesale price paid by the division for the alcoholic liquor. The markup shall apply to all alcoholic liquor sold by the division; however, the division may increase the markup on selected kinds of alcoholic liquor sold by the division if the average return to the division on all sales of alcoholic liquor does not exceed the wholesale price paid by the division and the fifty percent markup.

5. Notwithstanding subsection 4, the division shall assess a bottle surcharge to be included in the price of alcoholic liquor in an amount sufficient, when added to the amount not refunded to class “E” liquor control licensees pursuant to section 455C.2, to pay the costs incurred by the division for collecting and properly disposing of the liquor containers. The amount collected pursuant to this subsection, in addition to any amounts not refunded to class “E” liquor control licensees pursuant to section 455C.2, shall be deposited in the beer and liquor control fund established under section 123.53.

[C35, §1921-f20, 1921-f41; C39, §1921.020, 1921.041; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, §123.20, 123.41; C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §123.24; 81 Acts, ch 56, §1]

86 Acts, ch 1246, §734; 87 Acts, ch 22, §1, 2; 88 Acts, ch 1158, §29; 88 Acts, ch 1241, §5; 92 Acts, ch 1242, §24; 93 Acts, ch 91, §4, 5