

123.48 Seizure of false or altered driver's license or nonoperator identification card.

1. If a liquor control licensee or wine or beer permittee or an employee of the licensee or permittee has a reasonable belief based on factual evidence that a driver's license as defined in section 321.1, subsection 20A, or nonoperator identification card issued pursuant to section 321.190 offered by a person who wishes to purchase an alcoholic beverage at the licensed premises is altered or falsified or belongs to another person, the licensee, permittee, or employee may retain the driver's license or nonoperator identification card. Within twenty-four hours, the card shall be delivered to the appropriate city or county law enforcement agency of the jurisdiction in which the licensed premises is located. When the card is delivered to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the licensee shall file a written report of the circumstances under which the card was retained. The local law enforcement agency may investigate whether a violation of section 321.216, 321.216A, or 321.216B has occurred. If an investigation is not initiated or a probable cause is not established by the local law enforcement agency, the driver's license or nonoperator identification card shall be delivered to the person to whom it was issued. The local law enforcement agency may forward the card with the report to the department of transportation for investigation, in which case, the department may investigate whether a violation of section 321.216, 321.216A, or 321.216B has occurred. The department of transportation shall return the card to the person to whom it was issued if an investigation is not initiated or a probable cause is not established.

2. Upon taking possession of an identification card as provided in subsection 1, a receipt for the card with the date and hour of seizure noted shall be provided to the person from whom the card was seized.

3. A liquor control licensee or wine or beer permittee or an employee of the licensee or permittee is not subject to criminal prosecution for, or to civil liability for damages alleged to have resulted from, the retention and delivery of a driver's license or a nonoperator identification card which is taken pursuant to subsections 1 and 2. This section shall not be construed to relieve a licensee, permittee, or employee of the licensee or permittee from civil liability for damages resulting from the use of unreasonable force in obtaining the altered or falsified driver's license or identification card or the driver's license or identification card believed to belong to another person.

94 Acts, ch 1105, §3; 96 Acts, ch 1090, §1; 98 Acts, ch 1073, §9, 12