

123.28 Restrictions on transportation.

1. It is lawful to transport, carry, or convey alcoholic liquors from the place of purchase by the department to a state warehouse or depot established by the department or from one such place to another and, when so permitted by [this chapter](#), it is lawful for the department, a common carrier, or other person to transport, carry, or convey alcoholic liquor sold from a state warehouse, depot, or point of purchase by the state to any place to which the liquor may be lawfully delivered under [this chapter](#).

2. The department shall deliver alcoholic liquor purchased by class “E” retail alcohol licensees. Class “E” retail alcohol licensees may deliver alcoholic liquor purchased by class “C”, class “D”, or class “F” retail alcohol licensees, and class “C”, class “D”, or class “F” retail alcohol licensees may transport alcoholic liquor purchased from class “E” retail alcohol licensees.

3. A common carrier or other person shall not break or open or allow to be broken or opened a container or package containing alcoholic liquor or use or drink or allow to be used or drunk any alcoholic liquor while it is being transported or conveyed.

4. [This section](#) does not prohibit a private person from transporting individual bottles or containers of alcoholic liquor exempted pursuant to [section 123.22](#) and individual bottles or containers bearing the identifying mark prescribed in [section 123.26](#) which have been opened previous to the commencement of the transportation.

5. [This section](#) does not affect the right of a retail alcohol license holder to purchase, possess, or transport alcoholic liquors subject to [this chapter](#).

[C35, §1921-f26; C39, §1921.026; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, §123.26; C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §123.28; [81 Acts, ch 6, §12](#)]

[84 Acts, ch 1275, §1](#); [85 Acts, ch 196, §1](#); [86 Acts, ch 1020, §1](#); [86 Acts, ch 1246, §738](#); [87 Acts, ch 170, §1](#); [95 Acts, ch 48, §1](#); [2017 Acts, ch 119, §4](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1060, §11](#); [2019 Acts, ch 113, §10](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1099, §27, 88](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2378](#)

Open containers in motor vehicles, see [§321.284](#)