

123.9 Powers of director.

The director, in executing the alcoholic beverage control functions of the department, shall have the following duties and powers:

1. To receive alcoholic liquors on a bailment system for resale by the department in the manner set forth in [this chapter](#).
2. To rent, lease, or equip any building or any land necessary to carry out the provisions of [this chapter](#).
3. To lease all plants and lease or buy equipment necessary to carry out the provisions of [this chapter](#).
4. To appoint clerks, agents, or other employees required for carrying out the provisions of [this chapter](#); to dismiss employees for cause; to assign employees to divisions and bureaus as created by the director within the department; and to designate their title, duties, and powers. All employees of the department for purposes of [this chapter](#) are subject to [chapter 8A, subchapter IV](#), unless exempt under [section 8A.412](#).
5. To grant and issue beer permits, wine permits, retail alcohol licenses, and other licenses; and to suspend or revoke all such permits and licenses for cause under [this chapter](#).
6. To license, inspect, and control the manufacture of alcoholic beverages and regulate the entire alcoholic beverage industry in the state.
7. To accept alcoholic liquors ordered delivered to the department pursuant to [chapter 809A](#), and offer for sale and deliver the alcoholic liquors to class “E” retail alcohol licensees, unless the director determines that the alcoholic liquors may be adulterated or contaminated. If the director determines that the alcoholic liquors may be adulterated or contaminated, the director shall order their destruction.

[C35, §1921-f16; C39, §**1921.016**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, §123.16; C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §123.20]

[83 Acts, ch 157, §1](#); [85 Acts, ch 90, §2](#); [86 Acts, ch 1122, §6](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §738](#); [86 Acts, ch 1246, §728 – 730](#); [87 Acts, ch 115, §20](#); [88 Acts, ch 1241, §3](#); [96 Acts, ch 1133, §40](#); [2003 Acts, ch 145, §185](#); [2015 Acts, ch 30, §204](#)

C2016, §123.9

[2016 Acts, ch 1008, §1](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1073, §31](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1060, §5](#); [2022 Acts, ch 1099, §20, 88](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2360, 2361](#)

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