

**House Study Bill 594 - Introduced**

SENATE/HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMERCE/ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES DIVISION BILL)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing an automated dispensing device privilege  
2 for certain liquor control licensees and beer and wine  
3 permittees.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 123.3, Code 2016, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. "*Automated dispensing device*" means any  
4 mechanized device capable of dispensing beer, wine, or spirits  
5 directly or by remote activation to a patron by an authorized  
6 liquor control licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee.

7 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 123.151 **Automated dispensing device**  
8 **privilege.**

9 1. A liquor control licensee, beer permittee, or wine  
10 permittee shall not allow a patron to serve themselves wine,  
11 beer, or alcoholic liquor through an automated dispensing  
12 device except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this section.

13 2. A liquor control licensee, beer permittee, or wine  
14 permittee may apply for and receive authorization from the  
15 administrator for the privilege to allow patrons to serve  
16 themselves beer, wine, or spirits, as authorized by the  
17 license or permit, through an automated dispensing device for  
18 consumption on the licensed or permitted premises, subject to  
19 the requirements of this chapter. The privilege of allowing  
20 patrons to serve themselves beer, wine, or spirits through  
21 an automated dispensing device shall be noted on the liquor  
22 control license or permit.

23 3. The administrator shall only grant the privilege of  
24 allowing patrons to serve themselves beer, wine, or spirits  
25 through an automated dispensing device to the holder of a  
26 liquor control license, beer permit, or wine permit that  
27 authorizes the sale of beer, wine, or spirits for consumption  
28 on the licensed or permitted premises.

29 4. The division shall establish by rule the terms and  
30 conditions under which an automated dispensing device may  
31 be operated by an authorized liquor control licensee, beer  
32 permittee, or wine permittee. The rules shall include but not  
33 be limited to the following:

34 a. A requirement that the authorized liquor control  
35 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee activate the

1 automated dispensing device and any associated component  
2 designed to grant access to the device before a patron  
3 independently dispenses beer, wine, or spirits.

4 *b.* A requirement that the authorized liquor control  
5 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee deactivate the  
6 automated dispensing device and any associated component  
7 designed to grant access to the device at the end of each  
8 business day.

9 *c.* A requirement that the authorized liquor control  
10 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee control and limit  
11 the amount of beer, wine, or spirits dispensed by the automated  
12 dispensing device in a single transaction.

13 *d.* A requirement that the authorized liquor control  
14 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee exercise all  
15 necessary care and employ an adequate number of employees to  
16 ensure that each purchase through the automated dispensing  
17 device is made by a person of legal age and that all beer, wine,  
18 or spirits dispensed through an automated dispensing device is  
19 only consumed by persons of legal age.

20 *e.* A requirement that the authorized liquor control  
21 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee exercise all  
22 necessary care and employ an adequate number of employees to  
23 ensure that a patron served beer, wine, or spirits through an  
24 automated dispensing device is not intoxicated.

25 5. In addition to the penalty provisions of section 123.39,  
26 the division may rescind the privilege granted a liquor control  
27 licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee to allow patrons to  
28 serve themselves beer, wine, or spirits through an automated  
29 dispensing device for failure to comply with the requirements  
30 of this section.

31 Sec. 3. TRANSITION PROVISION. Notwithstanding any  
32 provision of section 123.151, as enacted by this Act, to the  
33 contrary, a liquor control licensee, beer permittee, or wine  
34 permittee granted a waiver to dispense wine or beer through  
35 an automated dispensing device as of the effective date of

1 this Act shall be permitted to continue to dispense wine or  
2 beer through an automated dispensing device subject to the  
3 conditions provided in the waiver until September 30, 2016.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill authorizes certain liquor control licensees,  
8 beer permittees, and wine permittees to allow patrons to  
9 serve themselves wine, beer, or spirits through an automated  
10 dispensing device.

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Code section 123.3 (definitions) is amended to define an  
12 "automated dispensing device" as any mechanized device capable  
13 of dispensing beer, wine, or spirits directly or by remote  
14 activation to a patron by the licensee or permittee.

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New Code section 123.151 authorizes the administrator  
16 of the alcoholic beverages division of the department of  
17 commerce to grant the privilege of dispensing wine, beer,  
18 or spirits through an automated dispensing device to liquor  
19 control licensees, beer permittees, and wine permittees under  
20 certain conditions. The privilege, which shall be noted on  
21 the applicable liquor control license or permit, shall only  
22 be granted to holders of a license or permit authorized to  
23 sell beer, wine, or spirits for consumption on the licensed  
24 premises. The bill directs the alcoholic beverages division to  
25 adopt rules requiring the applicable liquor control licensee,  
26 beer permittee, or wine permittee to activate the device and  
27 any component designed to grant access to the device before  
28 a patron independently dispenses beer, wine, or spirits, to  
29 deactivate the device at the end of each business day, to  
30 limit the amount of wine, beer, or spirits dispensed in a  
31 single transaction, and to exercise care and employ sufficient  
32 persons to ensure that only persons of legal age may obtain  
33 beer, wine, or spirits from the device and that a patron served  
34 beer, wine, or spirits through an automated dispensing device  
35 is not intoxicated. The bill grants the alcoholic beverages

1 division the authority to rescind the automated dispensing  
2 device privilege for failure to comply with the requirements of  
3 this new section.

4 The bill includes a transition provision allowing a liquor  
5 control licensee, beer permittee, or wine permittee granted a  
6 waiver to dispense wine or beer through an automated dispensing  
7 device as of the effective date of the bill to continue  
8 to dispense wine or beer through an automated dispensing  
9 device subject to the conditions provided in the waiver until  
10 September 30, 2016.