

IMPORTANT LIQUOR LAW UPDATES IN STATE BUDGET

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3 very important Liquor Law Updates included in this year's New York State budget agreement, which includes various policies. The three alcohol related policies we want to tell you about are:

1) Alcohol Service in Outdoor Dining: During the pandemic a law was enacted that allowed restaurants to serve alcohol in non-continuous spaces like their roadway dining streeteries. The intent of the law was crystal clear that it allowed alcohol service in streeteries located opposite a bike lane. However, an unintended oversight in its drafting could be interpreted to prohibit it. That's why, after advocacy from many industry organizations to overcome the objections of a small but loud group of anti-outdoor dining voices to have this technical correction to the law included in the budget deal, making it absolutely clear that alcohol service in streeteries on the other side of a bike lane is allowed.

2) Alcohol To Go: The law allowing restaurants and bars to sell cocktails and glasses of wine to go with a food order was extended for another five years. [Click here](#) to read an FAQ of the alcohol to go law.

3) Temporary Liquor Permit in NYC: The law allowing Temporary Liquor Permits to be issued in NYC, so new businesses can open and begin serving alcohol many months sooner was extended, which is good news. Unfortunately, a newer bill wasn't included in this year's budget. That bill would expand the **Temporary Liquor Permit law** in New York City, by eliminating the provision that requires the premises to have had a liquor license within the past two years to be eligible for a temporary permit.

The NYC Hospitality Alliance issued the following statement in response to the Governor and Legislature's budget agreement:

[Click here](#) to read the State Liquor Authority's press release for a full list of alcohol related updates.