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Important Information About Your Class “B” Beer Permit

New laws passed in 2022 reduced the number of retail alcohol licenses from 14 to 8. Your permit, the class “B” beer permit, is one of the retail classifications being eliminated on January 1, 2023.

What does this mean for you?

If the expiration date of your permit is after January 1, 2023:

You will not be able to renew your class “B” beer permit. Instead, you will need to apply for one of the following retail alcohol licenses:

- **Special class “C” retail alcohol license (BW):** Allows for the sale of wine and beer for on- and off-premises consumption. Annual fee varies based on the population of the city where your business is located.
- **Class “C” retail alcohol license (LC):** Allows for the sale of alcoholic liquor, wine, and beer for on- and off-premises consumption. Annual fee varies based on the population of the city where your business is located.

Applications for a new retail alcohol license must be submitted using the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division’s eLAPS licensing system at the following website URL:

<https://iowaabd.my.site.com/s/login/>

It is advised that applications be submitted a minimum of 45 days prior to the expiration date of your current permit to allow time for review and approval by your local authority and ABD.

NOTE: Failure to apply for a new retail alcohol license prior to the expiration of your permit may result in an interruption of your alcohol retail sales privileges.

If the expiration date of your permit is before January 1, 2023:

1. You may apply for a special class “C” or class “C” retail alcohol license as described above.
2. You may renew your class “B” beer permit for one additional 12-month term.

Your renewal application must be submitted using ABD’s eLAPS system at the following website URL: <https://iowaabd.my.site.com/s/login/>

NOTE: If you choose to renew, you will be required to apply for a special class “C” or class “C” retail alcohol license prior to the expiration of your class “B” beer permit in 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact ABD at licensing@iowaabd.com or (515) 281-7400, Option 1.