

SENATE BILL No. 23

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 7.1-3-21-14.5.

Synopsis: Alcoholic beverage permits for county fairs. Allows the alcohol and tobacco commission to issue a permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of a county fair conducted by a local board, subject to certain limitations and requirements.

Effective: July 1, 2026.

Clark

December 8, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.



Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning alcohol and tobacco.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 7.1-3-21-14.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 14.5. (a) As used in this section,**
4 **"local board" means the board of directors of an agricultural fair**
5 **society, association, or corporation that is organized under**
6 **IC 15-14-5.**

7 **(b) The commission may issue a permit for the sale of alcoholic**
8 **beverages on the grounds of a county fair conducted by a local**
9 **board to the local board, if one (1) of the following applies:**

10 **(1) If the grounds of the county fair are owned by a local**
11 **board, upon the request of the local board.**

12 **(2) If the grounds of the county fair are owned by a unit (as**
13 **defined in IC 36-1-2-23), upon the approval of the legislative**
14 **body (as defined in IC 36-1-2-9) of the unit and upon the**
15 **request of the local board.**

16 **(c) A permit issued under subsection (b) is subject to the**
17 **following:**



1 (1) The permit is valid for the scheduled dates of the county
2 fair.

3 (2) The local board is entitled to sell alcoholic beverages on
4 the county fair grounds to consumers by the glass.

5 (3) The local board is entitled to permit multiple vendors with
6 separate permits at different locations on the county fair
7 grounds to sell alcoholic beverages to consumers by the glass.

8 (4) The permit is not subject to the quota restrictions under
9 IC 7.1-3-22-3.

10 (5) The local board is entitled to allow a minor to be present
11 in the locations on the county fair grounds where alcoholic
12 beverages are sold.

13 (d) A local board issued a permit under subsection (b) must
14 comply with the following requirements:

15 (1) File a floor plan of the premises where alcoholic beverages
16 will be served and consumed with the commission.

17 (2) Provide that service of alcoholic beverages may be
18 performed only by servers certified under IC 7.1-3-1.5.

19 (3) Allow sales during the times prescribed under
20 IC 7.1-3-1-14.

21 (4) Prohibit sales prohibited under IC 7.1-5-10-1.

22 (5) Operate under the rules adopted by the commission to
23 protect the public interest under IC 7.1-1-1.

