

**241.020 Department to administer alcoholic beverage laws, except as to collection of taxes -- Advisory opinions, rulings, and administrative regulations -- Department to administer statutes relating to cannabis-infused beverages -- Divisions of Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages, and Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Licensing.**

- (1) The department shall administer statutes relating to, and regulate traffic in, alcoholic beverages, except that the collection of taxes shall be administered by the Department of Revenue. The department may issue advisory opinions and declaratory rulings related to KRS Chapters 241 to 244 and the administrative regulations promulgated under those chapters.
- (2) Notwithstanding any other statute or administrative regulation to the contrary, the department shall have authority to administer statutes relating to, and regulate the retail licensing and distribution of, cannabis-infused beverages.
- (3) A Division of Distilled Spirits, under the supervision of the board, shall administer the laws in relation to traffic in distilled spirits, wine, and cannabis-infused beverages.
- (4) A Division of Malt Beverages, under the supervision of the board, shall administer the laws in relation to traffic in malt beverages.
- (5) A Division of Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Licensing, under the supervision of the division director, shall administer the laws in relation to traffic in alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, and authorized nicotine vapor products under KRS 438.305 to 438.350.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (6/27/2025).** This statute was amended by 2025 Ky. Acts chs. 78 and 82, which do not appear to be in conflict and have been codified together.