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Code Sections 61-6-2300 through 61-6-2370 authorize the sale by a hotel, motel, or inn of alcoholic beverages by means of hospitality cabinets located in the rooms of its guests, provided the hotel, motel, or inn is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption and the governing body of the county or municipality has approved by ordinance the sale of alcoholic beverages by means of hospitality cabinets. A hotel, motel, or inn licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption may also place hospitality cabinets in condominiums owned or managed by it, whether or not the condominiums are located on the same property as the hotel, motel, or inn.

A hotel, motel, or inn licensed only to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption may sell only beer and wine by means of hospitality cabinets located in the rooms of its guests. A hotel, motel, or inn licensed to sell alcoholic liquors for on-premises consumption may sell alcoholic liquors, beer, and wine by means of hospitality cabinets located in the rooms of its guests. All sales of alcoholic beverages by means of a hospitality cabinet must be in sealed containers in individual portions. Nothing in this regulation prevents a hotel, motel, or inn from selling nonalcoholic beverages, food or others items by means of a hospitality cabinet.

When a hotel, motel, or inn is selling alcoholic beverages by means of a hospitality cabinet, either the entire hospitality cabinet or the portion of it containing the alcoholic beverages must be restricted by means of a locking device which requires the use of a key, magnetic card or similar device.

In making such sales, hotels, motels, and inns must comply with the following:

(1) A hospitality cabinet may only be placed in rooms used for sleeping accommodations and may not be placed in rooms used for meetings or other functions, whether public or private. Empty cabinets, however, may be placed for storage purposes in an area of the hotel, motel, or inn not open to the public.

(2) The key, magnetic card, or other similar device required to obtain access to a hospitality cabinet may only be provided to a guest that requests it, whether on his own or upon being informed by the hotel of the availability of the hospitality cabinet. Such a request may be made at the time of check-in or at any time during the guest's stay at the hotel, motel, or inn. However, before the key, magnetic card, or other similar device is provided, the hotel, motel, or inn must verify that the guest is of legal drinking age.

(3) The hotel, motel, or inn must inform the guest in some manner of the specific areas of the hotel, motel, or inn where alcoholic liquors purchased from the hospitality cabinet may and may not be consumed by the guest.

(4) The hotel, motel, or inn may not advertise, sell, or dispense alcoholic liquors, beer or wine from the hospitality cabinets for free, at a price less than one-half the price regularly charged, or on a two or more for the price of one basis.

(5) The hospitality cabinet may only be restocked and replenished with alcoholic liquors by an employee twenty-one years of age or older. In addition, only employees meeting these age requirements may take inventory of alcoholic liquors contained in hospitality cabinets.

A hotel, motel, or inn selling alcoholic beverages by means of hospitality cabinets located in the rooms of its guests must comply with all of the provisions of Code Sections 61-6-2300 through 61-6-2370 and any other applicable provisions of Title 61 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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