



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4301.251 Emergency suspension of retail beer or liquor permits and retail sales of spirituous liquor.

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When so ordered by the governor, the director or, beginning on July 1, 1997, the superintendent of liquor control shall immediately and without a hearing suspend, for a period of not less than twenty-four hours nor more than seventy-two hours, any retail beer or liquor permit issued under Chapters 4301. and 4303. of the Revised Code and the retail sales of spirituous liquor by any state liquor store or agency for premises within any area where the director or superintendent designates that civil disorder, looting, or rioting exists.

Such order of emergency suspension shall contain an identifiable description of the area in which such retail permits and sales by stores and agencies are suspended and shall specify the calendar date and hour of the beginning and the calendar date and hour of the ending of such suspension period. A written copy of such order shall be served upon the owner, operator, manager, agent, bartender, or clerk of such beer or liquor permit premises, upon the manager or clerk of a state liquor store, or upon the agent, manager, or clerk of a state liquor agency by any law enforcement agency or officer designated by the director or superintendent.

The law enforcement officer, upon serving such emergency suspension order, shall forthwith fill in and sign a return of service form provided by the director or superintendent of liquor control, on which the officer shall write the name and address of the permit premises or the state liquor store or agency, the name and title of the person on whom such suspension order was served, and the day, hour, and address at which such service was made.

Upon receipt of such copy of the emergency suspension order by the owner, operator, manager, agent, bartender, or clerk of such retail beer or liquor permit premises or the state liquor store or agency, no beer, intoxicating liquor, or spirituous liquor shall be permitted to be consumed or sold at or upon such permit premises or the state liquor store or agency.

Upon completion of the return of service form, the law enforcement officer shall cause it to be



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transmitted immediately to the nearest district office of the department or, beginning on July 1, 1997, the division of liquor control, where it shall be filed, recorded, and reported forthwith by telephone or teletype to the central office of the department or division of liquor control.

Any subsequent order by the governor, to cancel or continue such order of emergency suspension or to diminish or expand the area of the last issued emergency suspension order, shall be processed and carried out in the same manner as that required for the issuance of the original order of emergency suspension.