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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Re: File #C19-013 – *Liquor Licence Act* – Auxiliary Zone Changes

Thank you for your letter of July 24, 2019 regarding your City Council's request to review and update the regulations under the *Liquor Licence Act* (LLA) to allow patrons to move with liquor across auxiliary zones within licensed premises.

Under Regulation 719 of the LLA, licensees are not permitted to allow patrons to remove liquor from the licensed premises except in certain circumstances such as when a patron brings unopened liquor purchased from a government store or when a licensee reseals a partially consumed commercially made wine purchased or brought in by a patron.

Past changes to Regulation 719 include an amendment to allow employees of licensed establishments to carry liquor from one licensed area to another licensed area across an area that is not under the exclusive control of the licensee, such as a public sidewalk. Prior to this change, a service bar was required in each of the licensed areas.

While patrons may not remove liquor from a licensed area, staff of the licensed establishment may assist patrons by carrying liquor on their behalf.

As the current rules that prohibit patrons from moving liquor within licensed areas are set out in the regulations, a change to the applicable regulations would be required.

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The Government has been reviewing rules for Ontario's liquor industry with the aim to provide more choice for consumers and more opportunities for businesses. Please be assured that your suggestion has been noted and forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General for consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jean Major", is written over the typed name and title.

Jean Major
Chief Executive Officer
and Registrar

- c. Irwin Glasberg
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
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