

WYOMING  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE,  
LIQUOR DIVISION



(Sometimes referred to as Wyoming Liquor Commission)

### State Government Agency

Wyoming is a “control state,” meaning it controls its wholesale sales of wine and spirits to Wyoming liquor retailers, versus being a “licensure state,” which issues licenses to private sellers. However, the wholesale of malt beverage products is privately owned as well as all retail sales.

The Liquor Division was created under Wyoming Statute § 12-2-106 to carry out administrative functions formerly administered by the Wyoming Liquor Commission. The Division is granted the “sole right to sell alcoholic liquors at wholesale, and no licensee or permittee who is granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic liquors at retail shall purchase any alcoholic liquors from any source other than the commission, unless otherwise expressly authorized by state law.” (Wyo. Stat. § 12-2-301)

The Division is also granted the authority to collect excise taxes on alcoholic liquor for deposit into the State General Fund. (Wyo. Stat. § 12-2-302)

Other statutory responsibilities and authority granted to the Division can be found in Wyo. Stat. §§ 12-2-303 through 12-2-505.

More information can be found here:  
<http://liquor.wyoming.gov/>

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WYOMING  
STATE LIQUOR  
ASSOCIATION

### Association for the Alcohol Industry

The mission of this 475 member trade association is to “...remain committed to improving the business climate and profit of all retailers and related industries. Through government affairs, education and communication, we help our members deliver a quality product to the consumer while being at the forefront of ensuring responsible and legal consumption and use.”

The WSLA Executive Director, Mike Moser, has become a strong and vital partner with the Liquor Division and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division in regards to TIPS training. The cooperation between these groups has resulted in a program that has trained around 14,000 Wyomingites in a little over eight years.

Some common questions related to the industry can be found here:  
[http://wyoliquor.org/html/common\\_questions.htm](http://wyoliquor.org/html/common_questions.htm)

And, there is information on TIPS training here:  
[http://wyoliquor.org/html/general\\_information.htm](http://wyoliquor.org/html/general_information.htm)

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