# State Extends Pandemic-Era Outdoor Table Service and Alcohol To Go Provisions

eUpdate

## April 6, 2022

On April 1, 2022, the Governor signed Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2022 (the "Act") into law. The Act includes extensions of pandemic-relief provisions related to restaurants.

#### **Expanded Outdoor Table Service**

Section 27 of the Act extends the ability of cities and towns to approve requests for the expansion of outdoor table service until **April 1, 2023**. This section also extends a local licensing authority's ability to approve, without further ABCC review or approval, changes in the description of a licensed premises for outdoor alcohol service until **April 1, 2023**. Any expansion or change approved under these provisions will automatically revert to its prepandemic status **April 1, 2023**.

#### Beer, Wine, and Cocktails to Go

Sections 15 and 19 of the Act extends the ability of restaurants to sell beer, wine, and cocktails "to go" until **April 1, 2023**. "To go" alcohol must be priced the same as alcohol sold on site. (For more information, please see our May 25, 2021 eUpdate, found <u>here</u>).

If you have any specific questions regarding the extension of these provisions, please contact your KP Law attorney at 617.556.0007.

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