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ABC ADVISORY OPINION 2026-001

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Question:	May a retail drink licensee "board game bar" that serves pre-prepared food and hosts activities such as craft classes permit persons under 21 years of age on premises pursuant to KRS 244.085(5)?
Requested by:	McKenzie Crist, Dice On Draft LLC
Syllabus:	"Entertainment facility" means "a business an establishment licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at retail, characterized by providing amusements or diversions—especially performances—that are appropriate for persons under the age of 21 to attend or engage in, and whose operations allow it to adequately monitor and prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors."
Statutes construed:	KRS 244.085(5)(a)
Legal authority:	KRS 241.060

Opinion of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Pursuant to 804 KAR 6:020, Dice On Draft LLC ("Requester") submitted a request for an advisory opinion to the Department, inquiring whether patrons under the age 21 could be permitted on their premises without locking up alcoholic beverages. According to the Requestor, they serve pre-prepared food and host activities. They believe they would qualify as "Entertainment facility" pursuant to KRS 244.085(5)(a). The Requester possess a Quota Retail Drink License, NQ4 Retail Drink License and a Sunday Special Retail Drink License.

Pursuant to 804 KAR 6:020 § 4(3)(c), the Department requested more information regarding the Requester's hosted activities and strategies regarding preventing minors from

consuming alcoholic beverages on the premises. The Requestor provided the supplementary information as requested.

On September 3, 2020, the Department addressed a similar query in ABC Advisory Opinion 2020-01. That opinion is incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein. After a thorough analysis, the Department defined an "entertainment facility" under KRS 244.085(5)(a) as an establishment licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages at retail, characterized by providing amusements or diversions—especially performances—that are appropriate for persons under the age of 21 to attend or engage in, and whose operations allow it to adequately monitor and prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors.

The supplementary information provided by the Requestor cited over 350 board games for patrons to play daily. As well as daily activities, such as Magic the Gathering events, Dungeon and Dragons events, Bingo, karaoke, craft classes and trivia. They also host charity events and tournaments.

Regarding the prevention of underage drinking of alcoholic beverages, the Requester has set forth a prevention plan. It intends to ask for identification for all patrons. All patrons under the age of 21 will be given a purple wristband. Furthermore, minors will be seated in view of the bartenders and cameras are also available to monitor the area as well. All bartenders are Kentucky S.T.A.R. certified and the premises will be strictly for patrons over the age of 18 after 7 p.m.

The availability of over 350 Board games, as well as the various described activities are all amusements and diversions appropriate for families and persons under the age of 21. The Requestor has set forth a viable plan to adequately monitor and prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors. For these reasons, the Department has determined that the operation of Dice On Draft, LLC meet the criteria to be an "entertainment facility."

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