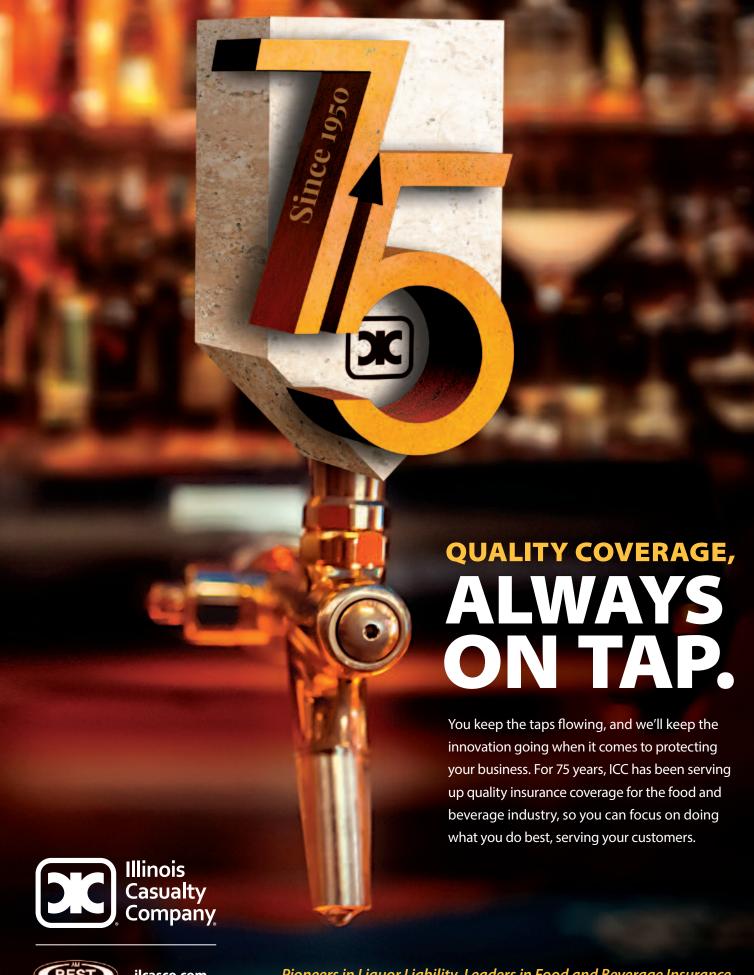




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Summary of 2025 Paid Family Medical Leave Legislative Activity and Final Jobs Bill Outcome

Minnesota's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program was passed in 2023 and is currently in its implementation phase, with benefits scheduled to begin in January 2026. While several targeted changes were proposed during the 2025 legislative session, ultimately only a small change was negotiated and includ-

ed as part of the omnibus Jobs and Economic Development Finance and Policy bill.

Proposals to repeal included House File 1241 / Senate File 1771, which sought a full repeal of the program, while HF1263/SF2277 combined repeal and delay provisions. Neither advanced beyond introduction.

"Despite vocal efforts from a coalition of business-oriented legislators and employers, no exemptions were created for small businesses or nonprofits, no delays to the program's January 1, 2026 launch, and no changes to eligibility, benefit duration (up to 12 weeks), or DEED's oversight role were included in the final bill."

HF1325/SF2605, which proposed prorating benefits, delaying penalties, and exempting small employers, did receive a hearing on March 12 in the House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee. Similarly, HF1976/SF2466, which would have capped benefits for small employers, lowered wage replacement rates, and allowed for private plan alternatives, and was heard in committee on March 13.

Several other bills, HF1523/SF1849 (agricultural exemptions), HF2024 (redefining seasonal workers and delaying implementation), HF2113 (exempting employers with 50 or fewer employees), and HF2269 (delaying employer notification penalties) were introduced, but did not receive hearings. All bills were referred to the House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, and companion bills in the Senate saw no further action. Despite this activity, none of the proposals passed.

The Adopted PFML Changes Include:

• **Rest Breaks** — requires that "an employer must allow each employee adequate time from work a rest break of at least 15 minutes or enough time to utilize the nearest convenient restroom, whichever is longer,

within each four consecutive hours of work." (Previously, this section merely stated that an employer must allow each employee "adequate time.")

- Meal Break modified to require that "an employer must allow each employee who is working for six or more consecutive hours a meal break of at least 30 minutes." (Previously, this section stated that an employer must "permit" an employee who is working for "eight" or more consecutive hours "sufficient time to eat" a meal.)
- Earned Sick and Safe Time Employee notices of use of ESST can now be as "reasonably required by the employer." (Previously, this section stated that employers could require notice from employees on the usage of ESST "as soon as practicable.") Employers can now require documentation if ESST is used for more than "two" consecutive scheduled workdays. (Previously, this section previously stated employers could require documentation if ESST was used for more than "three" consecutive days.) A sentence was added to the ESST statute to clarify that it "does not prohibit an employee from voluntarily seeking or trading shifts with a replacement worker to cover the hours the employee uses as earned sick and safe time."
- PFML The maximum premium levied by the Department of Employment and Economic Development ("DEED") was reduced from 1.2% of taxable wages to 1.1%.

These changes were included in the final omnibus Jobs & Economic Development Finance and Policy bill (Line 145.2 of SS SF17), passed during the June 2025 special session on June 9th-10th. This was signed into law as Chapter 6 on June 14th.

Despite vocal efforts from a coalition of business-oriented legislators and employers, no exemptions were created for small businesses or nonprofits, no delays to the program's January 1, 2026 launch, and no changes to eligibility, benefit duration (up to 12 weeks), or DEED's oversight role were included in the final bill. Representative Baker's bill HF2024, for example, was positioned as a middle-ground fix, offering shorter leaves, 2/3 pay, and private administration options. However, opponents saw it as a step backward, particularly for union and low-wage workers.

PFML-related hearings featured a wide range of voices. In support of changes to the 2023 proposal were small

business owners, county HR departments, and school officials who were concerned about affordability, implementation complexity, and hiring impacts. In opposition to changes were union leaders, nurses, nonprofit advocates, teachers, who argued proposed changes would gut core protections, undermine equity, and violate the spirit of the 2023 law.



— Tony Chesak MLBA Executive Director tony@mlba.com

As of the June 13th, 2025 Technology Advisory Council meeting, Tarek Tomes, the commissioner of MNIT shared that the technology to administer PFML was still being completed, but is on schedule to be implemented in time for the program's statutory effective date: January 1st, 2026.

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For over 20 years in a row, we have created a brand new updated "Labor Laws" poster for 2025! This 25"x34" full color all-in-one poster has all the State and Federal postings required by law to be made visible to your employees. Only MLBA Members received a brand new poster in the mail each year!

New on this poster is an updated Minimum Wage posting from the State of Minnesota. During the 2024 legislative session, Minnesota's minimum wage law was revised to eliminate the reduced minimum wages applicable for small employers (defined as annual gross revenues less than \$500,000), youth under the age of 18 and J-1 visa workers. Effective Jan. 1, 2025, the state's minimum-wage rate for all employers, including large employers, small employers, youth and J-1 visa wages for hotels, motels and lodging establishments, increased to \$11.13 an hour. The law still allows for a 90-day training wage for workers under age 20. The current hourly training wage has increased to \$9.08.

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This is an open letter to all the great sponsors of this year's 36th Annual MLBA Golf Outing at Dahlgreen Golf Club.

I wanted to take the time to thank you for all you have done this year to make our annual golf outing fundraiser a success. Without you, we could not put on such a world class event with the purpose to raise money for the association and provide camaraderie for the entire hospitality industry.

Your generous donations of hole sponsorships, beverage tee sponsorships, goodie bag stuffers and other prizes are greatly appreciated and appreciated by the attendees of our great event. I also wanted to send a special shout out to Performance Foodservice, the MLBA's newest food service partner for bringing, preparing and serving our golfers, samplers and staff Birria tacos! Man, were those fantastic!



— Tim Mahoney MLBA President The Loon Cafe, Mpls

We will be announcing the date for the 37th annual outing in 2026 very soon so PLEASE pay attention to the notice so you and your company can plan ahead and hopefully provide us with the same support you have shown through the years! We need your support!!!

If you have ideas, suggestions or just wanted to chat about the event now and in the future, please feel free to reach out to me and we can make 2026 the best event ever. Email me at tony@mlba.com or call 651-470-7236.

Again, thank you for your support and hope you have a great rest of the year. Many challenges we will face in the coming years and staying strong members of the MLBA provides the needed support, education and advocacy to be successful not only in 2025 but beyond.

Take care of each other and take care of yourself! We are here to serve you,

Tony Chesak, MLBA Executive Director

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An article from MLBA Platinum Allied Member KLB Insurance

As summer approaches, it's an ideal time to consider upgrades that enhance the value of your commercial property and fortify it against seasonal challenges like strong winds and thunderstorms.

Here are several strategic improvements to consider:



— Dean Rose Vice President Off-Sale Broadway Liquor Outlet, Mpls

- **Reinforce the roof** Investing in a robust roofing system with impact-resistant materials can significantly reduce the risk of storm damage. A durable roof safeguards the property's interior and minimizes potential repair costs.
- **Upgrade windows and doors** Installing impact-resistant windows and steel doors enhances security and provides better protection against high winds and flying debris during storms. These upgrades can prevent interior damage and improve energy efficiency.
- Enhance landscaping and drainage Maintaining a well-designed landscape boosts curb appeal
 and plays a crucial role in property protection. Regularly trim or remove trees that pose a risk of
 falling during storms. Ensure proper drainage systems are in place to prevent water accumulation and
 potential flooding.
- Install backup power solutions Although the exact amount varies by industry, the Department of
 Energy estimates that power outages cost businesses \$150 billion annually. Installing backup generators or solar power systems helps maintain operations during unexpected outages, ensuring critical
 systems remain functional.
- **Upgrade exterior lighting** Modern, energy-efficient exterior lighting enhances security and improves the property's appearance. Well-lit exteriors deter unauthorized access and make the property more inviting to clients and tenants.
- Maintain HVAC systems Regular heating, ventilation, and air conditioning maintenance ensures
 optimal performance during peak summer months. Efficient HVAC systems contribute to tenant
 comfort and can lead to energy savings.

Feel free to reach out if you need recommendations for trusted local service providers to assist with these projects.

Wishing you a productive and safe summer season,

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Legislative Update

New Bill for Entertainment Venues

The final bill which has not yet passed out of committee, requires places of entertainment with an occupancy of at least 100 people to provide free water to attendees and allow attendees to bring in sealed bottled water or an empty water bottle to fill.

A bill for an act relating to commerce; requiring places of entertainment to provide access to potable water at events; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.



— Keith Kalli Vice President On-Sale Kalli's Place, Wright, MN

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Sec. 30. [325F.677] AVAILABILITY OF WATER AT PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "place of entertainment" has the meaning given in section 325F.676, subdivision 1, paragraph (h).

- Subd. 2. Available water requirement. When a place of entertainment's occupancy exceeds 100 attendees and where an attendee must have a ticket in order to access the place of entertainment, a place of entertainment must provide attendees with access to potable water by:
 - (1) providing water at no cost to the attendees;
 - (2) allowing attendees to bring factory-sealed bottled water into the place of entertainment; or
 - (3) allowing attendees to bring an empty water bottle to the place of entertainment and providing attendees with access to potable water to fill the bottle. A place of entertainment may prohibit certain types and sizes of water bottles in order to protect the safety of others.
- Subd. 3. Exceptions. An exhibit, gallery, or presentation space where beverages are prohibited is not required to allow water into the exhibit, gallery, or presentation space if water is available at no cost in an accessible location outside of the exhibit, gallery, or presentation space.

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(h) "Place of entertainment" means an entertainment facility, including but not limited to an amphitheater, theater, stadium, arena, racetrack, museum, amusement park, venue, club, or other place where performances, concerts, exhibits, athletic games, contests, or other forms of entertainment are held. For the purposes of this section, place of entertainment does not include movie theaters.

Applications for Cannabis Event Organizer Licenses

On August 1, Office of Cannabis Management will begin accepting applications for cannabis event organizer licenses. This will be an open-ended opportunity for applicants, with applications accepted on a rolling basis. The cannabis event organizer license authorizes the holder to plan and host temporary cannabis-related events in Minnesota. Pursuant to Minnesota law, cannabis events must be limited to ages 21 and older and may not include the sale or consumption of alcohol. Cannabis events may feature the on-site sale and use of adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, and hemp-derived consumer products. Event organizers may host multi-day events, provided that the event does not exceed four consecutive days in duration.

This license type is temporary and must be obtained separately for each event. All cannabis event activities require local approval, including but not limited to any permits or licenses required by the applicable local unit of government and specific approval of on-site consumption areas. Event organizers must obtain this approval before submitting an application to the OCM and provide proof of local approval as part of the application.

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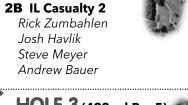
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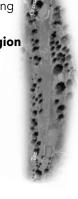
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9B Rate Zero

Shannon Wood Charles Durkin Derek Benson Ryan Hupka



HOLE 10 (362 yd Par 4)

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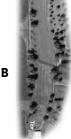
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10A Quinny's Sports Pub A

Ryan Thoemke Tim Tschida Matt Witham Jon Tomasewski

10B Quinny's Sports Pub B

Janis Quinlan Tom Lehmann Bones Johnson Ryan Pitlik



HOLE 11 (525 yd Par 5)

 $\star\star$ Long Drive (women) $\star\star$

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- **★ Emerald Elements**
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11A Broadway Bullies

Dean Rose Cheryl Chanen Chase Haller Bob Dierke

11B Emerald Elements

Kolin Knutson Tim Graft Todd Caven John Holmes

HOLE 12 (158 yd Par 3)

 $\star\star$ Closest to the Pin (everyone) $\star\star$

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12A Apple Valley Liquor

Steve Schuft Rick Heyne Ben Dockter Bobby Bloch

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HOLE 13 (411 yd Par 4)

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HOLE 14 (170m/155w Par 3)

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14A Team Dahlgreen

Dave Tessman Keith Flatebo Steve Kroenke Peer Finstad



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HOLE 15 (392 yd Par 4)

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Peter Trocke Paul Vos Mike Vos Fred Fredrickson

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16A South Street Saloon 1

Devin Gasswint Mike Thomas Jacob Moody Jeremy Drummer

16B South Street Saloon 2

Craig Kotthoff Brandon Holcomb Carson Gasswint Brady Smith



HOLE 17 (460 yd Par 5)

Sponsored by:

- **★ Gray Duck Spirits**
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17A Stick's Tavern

Keith Hinrichs Jon Beberg Jake Hinderman Josh Clark

17B Gray Duck Spirits

Jerry Schulz Mark Cotter Ryan Kuhlka Kevin Unterreiner

HOLE 18 (383 yd Par 4)

 $\star\star$ Longest Putt (everyone) $\star\star$

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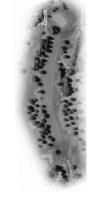
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18A MN Municipals 1

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Jim Beam® Introduces a Tropical Twist to Kentucky Tradition with Jim Beam® Pineapple



The American Classic Meets the Bold, Sweet Flavor of Pineapple

Clermont, KY, March 25, 2025 – Jim Beam is getting ready for summer with the unveiling of its latest flavor innovation, Jim Beam Pineapple, adding to its award-winning portfolio. This new expression blends the bold flavor of pineapple with signature smooth Kentucky straight bourbon –a fresh and flavorful take that adds a tropical piña twist to classic Southern traditions.

This new release infuses the sweetness of pineapple notes with the smooth oak and caramel that bourbon fans know and love. It is a fresh take that is easy to enjoy, whether you are a seasoned whiskey drinker or whiskey curious. With its bold flavor and laid-back vibe, Jim Beam Pineapple offers an inviting introduction for those who find whiskey intimidating and encourages more people to raise a glass together and enjoy it together.

"As a brand rooted in Kentucky tradition, we love putting fresh spins on our brands— and Jim Beam Pineapple does exactly that," said Freddie Noe, 8th Generation Master Distiller of the James B. Beam Distilling Co. "This new flavor is our first flavored spirit in four years, and reflects the bold, vibrant spirit of today's South. It is a celebration of flavor and community, made to be enjoyed with family and friends this summer season."

Designed for versatility, Jim Beam Pineapple can be enjoyed in a variety of refreshing serves, including the Jim Beam Pineapple & Lemon Lime Soda — served in a tall glass

over ice and garnished with a slice of lime or a Pica y Piña, a bright yet spicy cocktail of Jim Beam Pineapple, lime juice, simple syrup, jalapeños and a tajin rim. Jim Beam Pineapple is ideal for bringing people together for backyard barbecues and front porch gatherings, offering a modern take on Southern flavors for drinkers 21+.

Jim Beam Pineapple (32.5% ABV) is now available nationwide at select retailers for a suggested retail price of \$19.99 per 750mL bottle.

For more information about Jim Beam Pineapple and to discover cocktail recipes, follow Jim Beam on Instagram (@jimbeamofficial) and Twitter (@jimbeam) or visit www.jimbeam.com.

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About Jim Beam®:

Jim Beam is the world's best-selling bourbon, crafted by eight generations of family distillers since 1795. Fred Noe, Jim Beam's seventh-generation Master Distiller, and Freddie Noe, Jim Beam's eighth-generation Master Distiller, have stayed true to the family recipe that's been passed down through generations. The Jim Beam portfolio of products includes Jim Beam Bourbon, Jim Beam Black*, Jim Beam Double Oak, Jim Beam Devil's Cut, Jim Beam Flavors, and Jim Beam Rye among other offerings. For more informa-

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Spirits is driven by its core values of Growing for Good, Yatte Minahare and Giving Back to Society. The company's Proof Positive sustainability strategy includes ambitious goals and investments to drive sustainable change and have a positive impact on the planet, consumers and communities. Headquartered in New York City, Suntory Global Spirits is a subsidiary of Suntory Holdings Limited of Japan. For more information, visit www.suntoryglobalspirits.com and www.drinksmart.com.

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— Jennifer Schoenzeit MLBA Past President Zipps Liquor, Minneapolis

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Alcohol Quotes of the Month

"Beer, if drank with moderation, softens the temper, cheers the spirit, and promotes health."

~ Thomas Jefferson

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"I don't have a drinking problem. 'Cept when I can't get a drink."

— Tom Waits

Toast of the Month

"To the nights we'll never remember with the friends we'll never forget."

News from Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement

June 23, 2025

To: Minnesota Licensed Off-Sale Liquor Stores Re: Notice Regarding the Sale of Products Containing Kava

Dear Licensee:

This notice is being issued to clarify the status of Kava products sold in licensed retail liquor stores pursuant to Minnesota Statute 340A.412, subdivision 14.

Recently, we have become aware that some liquor stores are stocking Kava products marketed as conventional beverages, such as "non-alcoholic spirits" with serving sizes similar to traditional shots, and descriptions promoting them as alternatives to traditional spirits intended to be mixed with alcohol.

However, based on guidance from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Kava is considered a dietary supplement and should not be marketed or sold as a conventional beverage. Under federal regulations, dietary supplements are prohibited from being represented as conventional beverages or foods.

Importantly, Minnesota law does not authorize the sale of dietary supplements in exclusive liquor stores. Therefore, products containing Kava are not permitted for sale in retail stores, even if marketed as a beverage.

Please review your inventory and discontinue the sale of Kava products to ensure compliance with state law. Note that this prohibition applies only to products containing the kava plant and should not be confused with Cava sparkling wine.

If you have questions or require additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bethany Danner Senior Associate General Counsel bethany.danner@state.mn.us.



June 23, 2025

To: Minnesota Liquor Manufacturers and Wholesalers

Re: Minn. Rule 7515.0300 - Items of Value

Our office has recently been made aware that certain retail liquor stores have received refrigerators from liquor manufacturers or wholesalers for use in retail stores at no cost to the retailer. These conveyances are in violation of Minnesota rules and unlawful.

As a reminder, Minnesota Rule 7515.0300, subpart 5(c) provides that liquor manufacturers and wholesalers may not "furnish, give, rent, lend, or sell to a retailer any equipment, fixtures, supplies, money, service, or other thing of value..."

If your company provided these or similar items to any retailers, please notify the retailer that it needs to immediately remove them from its store. Our licensing agents will be monitoring for these items as part of their routine field inspections.

Do not hesitate to contact our agency with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bethany Danner Senior Associate General Counsel bethany.danner@state.mn.us

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With Minnesota being the only state with a specific 3.2 license, some say there will be no 3.2 beer. These 3.2 (or less) Alcohol by Weight (equivalent to 4.0 Alcohol by Volume) beers are NOT going away! In fact low carb, low alcohol beer is a growing segment!



Here are just a sampling of 3.2 beers available to those with a 3.2 license in the state of Minnesota: Amstel Light, Ballast Point Even Keel IPA, Blue Moon LightSky, Budweiser Select 55, Corona Premier, Deschutes Da Shootz Pilsner, Deschutes Wowza, Dogfish Head Slightly Mighty IPA, Fair State Dry January IPA, Golden Road Mango Cart Wheat, Goose Island So-Lo IPA, Hamm's Light, Heineken Light, Labatt Blue Light, Lagunitas Daytime IPA, Lambic, Lindemans Framboise, Lindemans Kriek Lambic, Lindemans Peche, Lindemans Pomegranate Lambic, Michelob Ultra Infusions, Miller 64, Murphy's Irish Stout, New Belgium Mural Agua Fresca Cerveza, Odell Good Behavior IPA, Redbridge Gluten Free, Schofferhofer Hefeweizen Grapefruit, Southern Tier Swipe Light Lager, Stiegl Radler, Stone Neverending Haze IPA, Sufferfest Repeat Kolsch, Ultra Pure Gold, White Claw 70, Heineken Silver and many more!



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