

## Can an owner of a license (i.e., Brewery) manage a different license type (i.e., Retail)?

The Department receives questions regarding who can manage other license types. It all depends on what licenses they own and what licenses they want to manage.

### Owner of a Retail License

#### Allowed:

- May manage a retail license.

#### Not Allowed:

- May not manage a manufacturer license.
- May not manage a wholesaler/distributor license.
- May not manage an agency liquor store.

### Owner of a Manufacturer License

#### Allowed:

- May manage another manufacturer license.
- May manage a retail license. This may be considered a means to induce according to “Tied-House” provisions in federal law but is not prohibited by Montana law.
- May manage an agency liquor store. This may be considered a means to induce according to “Tied-House” provisions in federal law but is not prohibited by Montana law.

#### Not Allowed:

- May not manage a wholesaler/distributor license.

### Owner of a Wholesale/Distributor License

#### Allowed:

- May manage a wholesale/distributor license.
- May manage an agency liquor store.
  - However, keep in mind that this may be considered a means to induce according to “Tied-House” provisions in federal law, but is not prohibited by Montana law.

#### Not Allowed:

- May not manage a retail license.
- May not manage a manufacturer license.

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All licensees must comply with all Federal and Montana alcoholic beverage laws and rules.

SECTIONS [16-4-401](#), MCA and ARM [42.12.143](#) & [42.12.106](#). 27 CFR § 6 [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations \(eCFR\)](#), Tied-House

See [HB305](#) for more information.

# Managing Other Licenses

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