



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 389, which authorizes, until December 31, 2026, certain Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) licensees that operate a bona fide public eating place to sell alcoholic beverages to-go when ordered and picked up by the consumer, subject to packaging, serving size, and labeling requirements.

This bill updates alcohol laws to align with some of the ABC regulatory relief authorities granted during the COVID-19 pandemic – flexibilities that provide businesses with additional options to serve customers, while protecting public health. Absent this bill, these important measures expire on December 31, 2021, so I am signing this to ensure restaurants can continue to benefit.


California's small businesses have faced unprecedented challenges during this pandemic. The state has made historic investments, including the largest small business relief program in the country, to provide businesses with the support they need to keep their doors open and our economy one of the strongest in the world. For many establishments, flexibilities like outdoor parklets and to-go cocktails have helped bring in critical revenue that allowed them to maintain operations during challenging times and keep workers on the payroll.

The regulatory relief my Administration provided during the COVID-19 emergency goes beyond the scope of this bill. More can be done to expand the benefits of SB 389 to include other hospitality businesses, and I look forward



to working with the Legislature and stakeholders to continue modernization of the food and beverage service industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with several sharp, upward-pointing strokes.

Gavin Newsom