

**41-313. Licensing of corporations; conditions; appointment of agent to receive service of process; consent to jurisdiction and forum of Kansas courts.** (a) No corporation, either organized under the laws of this state, any other state or a foreign country, shall be issued a manufacturer's, distributor's, microbrewery, microdistillery or farm winery license unless the corporation has first procured a certificate of authority from the secretary of state to do business in this state as provided by law, appointed a citizen of the United States, and resident of Kansas, as its agent and filed with the director a duly authenticated copy of a duly executed power of attorney, authorizing the agent to accept service of process from the director and the courts of this state and to exercise full authority of the corporation and full authority, control and responsibility for the conduct of all business and transactions of the corporation within the state relative to alcoholic liquor and the business licensed. The agent must be satisfactory to and approved by the director with respect to the agent's character. The agent shall at all times be maintained by the corporation.

In addition, any corporation organized under the laws of any other state or foreign country, as a condition precedent to the issuance to it of any license, shall file with the secretary of state of the state of Kansas, a duly authorized and executed power of attorney, authorizing the secretary of state to accept service of process from the director and the courts of this state and to accept service of any notice or order provided for in this act, and all such acts by the secretary of state shall be fully binding upon the corporation.

(b) Every nonresident applicant on applying for a license or permit under this act, and as a condition precedent to obtaining such license or permit, shall file with the secretary of state of this state its written consent, irrevocable, that any action or garnishment proceeding may be commenced against such applicant in the proper court of any county in this state in which the cause of action shall arise or in which the plaintiff may reside by the service of process on the resident agent specified in subsection (a), and stipulating and agreeing that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon the applicant. The written consent shall state that the courts of this state have jurisdiction over the person of such applicant and are the proper and convenient forum for such action and shall waive the right to request a change of jurisdiction or venue to a court outside this state and that all actions arising under this act and commenced by the applicant shall be brought in this state's courts as the proper and convenient forum. Such consent shall be executed by the applicant and if a corporation, by the president and secretary of the corporate applicant, and shall be accompanied by a duly certified copy of the order or resolution of the board of directors, trustees or managers authorizing the president and secretary to execute the same.

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