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Liquor Control post consumer notices in all stores that sell alcoholic beverages which inform the customer that the only valid forms of identification are those outlined in the above Title 7, Chapter 19, Section 602.

Additionally, a photographic non-driver identification card may not be issued from Vermont to a person with a driver's license from another state. A liquor control identification card takes at least two weeks to obtain, which is inconvenient for most tourists to the area.

Similar legislation pertaining to this issue was passed in the state of Washington, according to the Washington Chief of Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement Gary Gilbert. Current law in Washington allows for the following as proper forms of identification:

1. Liquor control authority card of identification of any state, or province of Canada.
2. Driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card of any state, or province of Canada, or "identocard" issued by the Washington State Department of Licensing pursuant to RCW 46.20.117.
3. United States armed forces identification card issued to active duty, reserve, and retired personnel and the personnel's dependents.
4. Passport.
5. Merchant Marine identification card issued by the United States Coast Guard.

The board may adopt such regulations as it deems proper covering the acceptance of such cards of identification.¹

Gilbert relayed that a more limited statutory list of acceptable forms of identification, similar to that of Vermont's, previously existed. However, since the list has been extended in recent years, he feels that the state of Washington is more "customer-friendly". He commented that the law now caters more to the tourist population in Washington state, important for the large tourist economy that exists there.

A survey of a various states found that no other state had a provision that allowed for the refusal of out-of-state driver's licenses for the purchase of liquor. The states sampled were Alaska, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Ohio, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming.

¹<http://www.wa.gov/liq/info/enforcementQA.htm> "Checking Identification"

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