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11:15 a.m.: [California looks to sign the sale of to-go cocktails into law](#)

During the height of the pandemic, some restaurants found themselves turning to to-go cocktails to keep their doors open and lights on.

A new bill in the state Legislature would expand California's law allowing the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages as part of take-out restaurant food orders.

The law was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last year to help struggling restaurants and bars. Napa Senator Bill Dodd says this new bill removes the meal requirement and extends the carry-out cocktail provision to bars.

"This bill simply seeks to continue one of the most successful elements of the emergency regulatory pandemic relief," Dodd said.

However, some opponents are worried about underage drinking, such as Cruz Avila with the [Alcohol Justice](#) group.

"Really, what the problems [are] with the homey delivery of alcohol — no matter what, it continues to be a prime driver of youth access."

Dodd has accepted amendments to the bill to prevent underage drinking, including more oversight of alcohol delivery by the state Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

In addition, this bill requires third-party delivery companies, who are delivering alcohol on behalf of an alcohol licensee, to obtain a permit from the Department of ABC," he said.

The measure was approved by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee and heads next to Appropriations.