

CHILD BEVERAGES FAQ

SB1846 , Public Act 102-0529



What is Senate Bill 1846 “Serve Kids Better?”

On January 1, 2022 Senate Bill 1846 amends the Illinois Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require restaurants in Illinois to offer, by default, only one of the following beverages with a children’s meal:

- Water, sparkling water, or flavored water with no added natural or artificial sweeteners
- Nonfat or 1% milk with no added natural or artificial sweeteners
- 100% fruit juice or vegetable juice with no added sweeteners, in a serving size of no more than 8 ounces
- Non-dairy milk alternatives with no added natural or artificial sweeteners that contain no more than 130 calories per container or serving offered for sale

What if a customer requests a drink that is not listed under the default menu?

- A different beverage may be served **ONLY** at the request of the customer.

How long do restaurants have to comply with the new law?

- The law goes into effect on January 1, 2022
- Children’s menus that advertise or list any beverage other than the allowed beverages listed under SB146 will be considered in violation of the law on January 1, 2022
- Restaurants that offer any default beverage with children’s meals other than those listed in SB1846 will be considered in violation of the law on January 1, 2022

What type of penalties are applicable if a restaurant is in violation of the law?

- A warning for the first offense
- A civil penalty of \$25 for a second offense,
- A civil penalty of \$100 for a third or subsequent offense



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According to the Illinois Public Health Institute and Illinois Alliance to Prevent Obesity, many of our kids are consuming 2-3 times the recommended amount of sugar every day.. This small change can have a big impact on the health of our kids both now and in the future.

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