

# **Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission**

## **(ABLE Commission)** (Constitution, Article 28 §1; 37 O.S. § 506.1)

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**Mission Statement** To protect the public's welfare and interest in the enforcement of the laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, charity games, and youth access to tobacco in Oklahoma.

**Administration** A. Keith Burt, Director; Jim Hughes, Assistant Director; John Maisch, General Counsel

**Personnel** 41 classified, 4 unclassified, merit

**History and Function** Created by the Twenty-eighth Amendment to the Oklahoma Constitution, the commission consists of seven members appointed by the governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Senate, who in turn appoint the director. The purpose of the commission is viewed as an exercise of the police power of the State of Oklahoma for the protection, welfare, health, peace, temperance and safety of the people of the state through the enforcement of the laws pertaining to alcoholic beverages, charity games, and youth access to tobacco. The agency enforces the Oklahoma Beverage Control Act, Charity Games Act, and Youth Access to Tobacco Act.