

**Caffeinated Alcoholic Beverages (CABs)**  
**State, Local, and College Actions to Restrict or Ban Their Availability**

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**I. State Action (17 total)**

**States banning/issuing a moratorium on CABs (4)**

Michigan  
Oklahoma  
Utah  
Washington

**Distributors/retailers that have agreed to voluntarily stop selling CABs (2)**

Connecticut  
New York

**States that have reclassified CABs as distilled spirits, reducing their availability and increasing their taxes (1)**

Montana

**States that require retailers to place CABs with beer & wine (and not with energy drinks) (1)**

Virginia

**States that have asked distributors to voluntarily end sales (1)**

Pennsylvania

**States where a retail association has called for a ban of CABs and recommended its members discontinue their sale (1)**

Indiana

**States that are investigating/considering bans on CABs (through administrative action and/or legislation) (7)**

Arkansas  
Kansas  
Massachusetts  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
New Jersey  
North Carolina

## **II. Local Action**

### **Local ordinance requiring retail signage warning of CAB risks**

Thousand Oaks, CA

### **Local ban proposals (2)**

Somerville, MA

Chicago, IL

## **III. College Bans (4)**

University of Rhode Island

Ramapo College, New Jersey

Central Washington University, Washington

Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania

## **IV. Timeline and References**

### **2008**

**Utah** – Reclassified alcopops and Caffeinated Alcoholic Beverage (CAB) as distilled spirits; has not listed a CAB since that time.

<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700077151/Four-Loko-already-banned-in-Utah.html>

### **2009**

**Montana** – reclassified CABs as distilled spirits

<http://www.nbcmontana.com/news/25529832/detail.html>

**Virginia** – General Assembly adopted a law requiring CABs to be placed with beer and wine

**Thousand Oaks, California** – Passed ordinance requiring all retailers in Thousand Oaks to post signs warning customers of the risks associated with CABs.

[http://www.adp.ca.gov/youth/rr\\_article7.shtml](http://www.adp.ca.gov/youth/rr_article7.shtml)

### **September 2010**

**New York** – Senate Bill SO 8485: Proposes warning signs and mandates segregating CABs from other alcoholic beverages and energy drinks (currently in committee)

[http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default\\_fld=&bn=+S08485%09%09&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y](http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?default_fld=&bn=+S08485%09%09&Summary=Y&Actions=Y&Text=Y)

### **October 2010**

**Ramapo College, New Jersey**

October 19, 2010 – **Boozy energy drink Four Loko - aka 'Blackout in a Can' - banned from N.J. college**

[http://www.nydailynews.com/lifestyle/2010/10/19/2010-10-19\\_four\\_loko\\_an\\_alcoholic\\_energy\\_drink\\_is\\_banned\\_at\\_a\\_new\\_jersey\\_college.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/lifestyle/2010/10/19/2010-10-19_four_loko_an_alcoholic_energy_drink_is_banned_at_a_new_jersey_college.html)

### **Central Washington University, Washington**

October 26, 2010 – **Four Loko Banned on Another College Campus**

<http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2010/10/four-loko-banned-on-another-college-campus.html>

### **Pennsylvania**

October 27 – **Pennsylvania asks beer distributors to stop selling alcoholic energy drinks**

<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Pa-asks-beer-distributors-to-stop-selling/iahY1bGbH0KifSVVYtOrFA.csp>

October 29 – **Pennsylvania Legislator to introduce bill to ban alcoholic energy drinks**

<http://www.abc27.com/Global/story.asp?S=13451567>

### **Somerville, MA**

October 29 – **Board Moves to Stop Sales of Controversial Four Loko Drink**

<http://somerville.patch.com/articles/board-moves-to-stop-sales-of-four-loko>

### **November 2010**

#### **Michigan**

November 3 – **Alcohol Energy Drinks Banned from the Michigan Market**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/Alcohol\\_Energy\\_Drink\\_Motion\\_11\\_3\\_2010\\_337774\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/Alcohol_Energy_Drink_Motion_11_3_2010_337774_7.pdf)

#### **Chicago, IL**

November 3 – **Aldermen propose banning alcohol-caffeine drinks**

<http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/2863308,alcohol-caffeine-ban-110310.article>

#### **University of Rhode Island**

November 4, 2010 – **URI bars alcohol-caffeine drink from campus**

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode\\_island/articles/2010/11/04/uri\\_bars\\_alcohol\\_caffeine\\_drink\\_from\\_campus/?p1=Upbox\\_links](http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode_island/articles/2010/11/04/uri_bars_alcohol_caffeine_drink_from_campus/?p1=Upbox_links)

#### **Oklahoma**

November 5 – **Oklahoma panel bans deliveries of Four Loko after Dec. 3**

<http://newsok.com/oklahoma-panel-bans-deliveries-of-four-loko-after-dec.-3/article/3511318#ixzz15CBdEQYg>

#### **Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania**

November 8, 2010 – **Lebanon Valley College bans Four Loko alcoholic energy drink**

<http://www.whptv.com/news/local/story/Lebanon-Valley-College-bans-Four-Loko/NMATipz-s0itSmI2T3nZ9w.csp>

#### **Washington**

November 10 – **State ban on caffeinated alcohol drinks starts Nov. 18**

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013395010\\_drinkban11m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2013395010_drinkban11m.html)

## **New Jersey**

November 10 - **State Senators Working to Ban Alcoholic Energy Drinks From New Jersey**

### **Campuses**

<http://teaneck.patch.com/articles/state-senators-working-to-ban-alcoholic-energy-drinks-from-new-jersey-campuses>

## **North Carolina**

November 12 - **Perdue: Stop sale of Four Loko**

<http://abclocal.go.com/wtvd/story?section=news/local&id=7785879>

## **Arkansas**

November 12 – **Arkansas looks into possibly banning energy drinks**

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-ar-energydrinks-ark,0,7874873.story>

## **Kansas**

November 12 – **Kansas scrutinizes alcoholic energy drink**

<http://www.kansas.com/2010/11/12/1585121/ngerous-punch.html#ixzz15DNIQkJE>

## **Oregon**

November 12 – **Oregon Liquor Control Commission to consider banning Alcoholic Energy Drinks**

<http://kdrv.com/page/194954>

## **Indiana**

November 12 – **Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers (IABR) calls for State ban and requests its members to cease selling Alcoholic Energy Drinks.** [http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=535914&Itemid=30](http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=535914&Itemid=30)

## **New York**

November 14 - **Beer distributors, Four Loko manufacturer, will halt shipping of caffeinated, alcoholic drink to NY**

[http://www.nydailynews.com/ny\\_local/2010/11/13/2010-11-](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2010/11/13/2010-11-13_beer_distributors_four_loko_manufacturer_will_halt_shipping_of_caffeinated_alcoh.html?r=news)

[13\\_beer\\_distributors\\_four\\_loko\\_manufacturer\\_will\\_halt\\_shipping\\_of\\_caffeinated\\_alcoh.html?r=news](http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2010/11/13/2010-11-13_beer_distributors_four_loko_manufacturer_will_halt_shipping_of_caffeinated_alcoh.html?r=news)

<http://www.ny.gov/governor/press/111410AlcoholicEnergyDrinks.html>

## **Massachusetts**

November 15 – **AEDs to be banned in Massachusetts**

<http://www.mass.gov/Ctre/docs/111610ABCCFOURLOKO.pdf>

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2010/11/15/four-loko-ban-in-massachusetts/>

## **Connecticut**

November 15 -- **Agreement Will Keep Boozy Energy Drinks Off CT Shelves**

<http://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local-beat/Local-Officials-Ask-FDA-to-Ban-Boozy-Energy-Drinks--108216794.html>