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Mailing it in? Proposed Bill Would Allow the U.S. Postal Service to Ship Alcohol

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On July 29, Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA) [introduced a bill in Congress](#) that would allow the U.S. Postal Service to ship alcoholic beverages for the first time in over a century. If enacted, the bill would allow the Postal Service to issue regulations to govern shipments of alcohol, which would include provisions requiring direct delivery to the addressee or local post office and presentation of a government-issued photo identification (of course, showing an age of 21 or older) by the recipient upon delivery. This could result in a virtual nation-wide footprint for craft brewers. Read the full text of Representative Speier's bill [HERE](#).

The bill has been referred to committee, and its progress bears watching.