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PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESS AND LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD WANT MANDATORY TRAINING FOR MANAGERS

A provision was added to amend Pennsylvania's Liquor Code that would require all managers appointed by any distributor, retail, hotel, club, bar or restaurant to complete the Liquor Control Board's "RAMP" manager training program within 180 days of employment. "RAMP" stands for Responsible Alcohol Management Program. The PLCB is the sole provider of RAMP and no longer uses any other training provider. This means the RAMP is the only board-certified program throughout the entire state.

While HCI does not disagree with this kind of training for management, our concern is with the monopoly that the PLCB's RAMP program has over the other credible and quality alcohol awareness training programs that provide employment to Pennsylvania's citizens. The PLCB's RAMP program eliminates free-market competition and will put many of our hardworking TIPS trainers in PA out of work. TIPS has sent a letter to all of the members of the

House Liquor Control Committee to oppose the PLCB's hold over our trainers. If you are a trainer in PA and would like to contact your local representative regarding this legislation, contact HCI's Government Affairs Department.

TENNESSEE TO HAVE DIRECT WINE SHIPMENTS; WILL ALLOW ESTABLISHMENTS TO OPERATE AS BARS

Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam signed a law in late May that will open the entire state to direct wine shipments. Previously, licensed wineries could ship, but only to certain parts of the state. This bill will open up and an additional 65% of the state to receive wine shipments. The increased wine shipping is estimated to bring in \$1.7 million in state and local revenue and \$430,000 in tax collection.

Up until a few weeks ago – and probably unbeknownst to most social drinkers – pubs, saloons, watering holes and taverns were illegal in Tennessee. The law required that food be the largest single sale item for any establishment with a liquor license. A new law is allowing business owners to legally operate as a bar without the strict penalties that were previously issued. Now bar owners can cut their food sales to as little as fifteen (15%) percent, and small bars will have the opportunity to to open for the first time. An unfortunate caveat to this new-found freedom is that the license fee will

increase to four times the amount of the old license fee.

MISSOURI LEGISLATURE APPROVES SUNDAY WINE SHOP DRINKS, LIQUOR SAMPLING

Recently enacted amendments to the Missouri Liquor Code will now permit wine shops to apply for a license that will allow them to serve wine by the drink on Sundays between 10:00 am and 10:00 pm. This will require an additional permit fee and will only be permitted if at least fifty (50%) percent of the sales of the store are package sales. The store must also use automated wine dispensing equipment.

Additionally, spirits, wine, or malt beverage samples may be dispensed by an employee, winery, distiller, manufacturer, brewer or sampling service as long as they have completed an approved alcohol training program as approved by the ATC.

KENOSHA, WI PASSES SOCIAL HOST LAW

A city ordinance now gives police the power to write a \$1,300 ticket to any adult deemed to be the 'host' of an underage drinking party. Steve Frederickson, head of the Concerned Citizens Coalition, urged Kenosha's city council to pass this social host ordinance in an effort to shake WI's reputation as a one of the country's leaders in underage and binge drinking.