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Law Report

From the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

It will not be a surprise to any of you that in the United States (and in Colorado), we have a youth drinking problem despite the alcohol beverage use/access age restrictions. However, were you also aware that research shows that:

- Almost 1/2 of 8th graders and about 3/4 of high school seniors report that they have consumed alcohol at some time during the past year. Over 1/2 of high school seniors reported being drunk within the past year.
- Close to 1/3 of youth in this country reported they started drinking alcohol at age 16 or earlier. 2/3's of youth reported drinking at age 18 or younger.
- Nearly 1/2 of all college students participate in high risk drinking (or binge) drinking (5 or more drinks per session) during the course of a year.

Recently a "Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free" meeting was held in Washington, DC to address this issue.

The "National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism" and the "Robert Wood Johnson Foundation" sponsored the program where each state's governors spouse was invited along with other state policymakers on the issue of youth (underage) alcohol use and access.

Colorado Governor Bill Owens' wife, Frances, attended this meeting. Some of the policymakers from other states who attended decried their relationships with their state's liquor industry over this issue. Colorado has a very responsible alcohol beverage industry and it was agreed that Colorado's alcohol beverage industry would be an important partner in this endeavor.

Alcohol use and access by Colorado's youth is a problem that is caused by a broad number of factors and, therefore, solutions to this problem cannot be narrow in scope. It is hoped that all interested parties will work together to help address this problem for the good of Colorado's youth. In the near future, the

Division will begin working with a broad-based coalition to attempt to reduce Colorado youth's use and access to alcohol beverage products.

Did you know....?

President Lincoln is said to have operated a tavern in early adult life. There is evidence that he and wife Mary Todd were living in one room at the Grove Tavern in Springfield Il when their first child was born in 1843.

Liquor Code Books

Each establishment should have a current State of Colorado Liquor and Beer Codes Book! To order yours, contact the State Forms Center at (303) 370-2165. Do it today!

Colorado Legislature Activity Colorado Beverage Analyst, February 2002

Some of the bills in the current Colorado Legislature concerning the liquor industry:

HB-1040—CONCERNING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSES.

This bill (presented by Colorado Liquor Enforcement) allows an applicant who is seeking multiple alcohol beverage licenses to request a master file from the state licensing authority. The purpose of the bill is to eliminate some of the repetitive processes experienced every time a business opens a new outlet, and should help reduce local governmental costs

HB-1074—CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC CONTAINERS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

This bill prohibits any person from knowingly drinking any alcohol beverage or possessing an open alcohol beverage container in the passenger area of a motor vehicle on a public highway or right-of-way of a public highway.

HB-1193—CONCERNING LOWERING THE PRESUMPTIVE BLOOD CONTENT LIMIT FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE FROM 0.10 TO 0.08 GRAMS PER 100 MILLILITERS.

Due to Renew

Earl's House of Spirits	6/2
Marko's	6/5
Cruisers SW Grill	6/5
Sam's Club	6/15
Blue Moon	6/22
Chupiro's Place	6/27

*A late renewal can cost you
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Upcoming holidays
Daylight Savings Time
April 7
Remember, Spring forward & Fall back!
May 12
Mother's Day
May 27
Memorial Day
June 16
Father's Day

Attention
All Tavern and Hotel and Restaurant Licensees
 Whenever you change managers, which all tavern and hotel and restaurant licenses SHOULD have, you must register them locally and through the state! The new manager will need to be fingerprinted and an individual history filled out. A background check will be conducted and it will be scheduled for local approval.

Licensees Beware!!!! Traveling Strip Shows

from the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division

There have been several recent situations where rural on-premise liquor licensees have had administrative actions taken against their liquor licenses due to liquor law violations caused by traveling strip shows. These traveling strip shows will promise to increase patronage and sales, but the end result is often a liquor license suspension. It is important for Colorado liquor licensees to remember that they are primarily responsible for all liquor law violations that occur on their licensed premises. These traveling strip shows are unregulated and simply want to make a fast buck. Typically, they ignore Colorado Liquor Code Regulations concerning "Adult Entertainment" limitations (See Regulation 47-900). Most of these shows get in and out of town fast in order to avoid arrests and charges being filed against the dancers for prohibited contact with patrons during their performances.

Licensees who want to host these shows should familiarize themselves with the limitations imposed in Regulation 47-900 and then be prepared to enforce these restrictions on show night. If a licensee is not prepared to police or shut down a show, then they need to be prepared to face a liquor licensee suspension if the show results in liquor license violations. Suspensions typically range from 15-30 days depending on the number and nature of the violations alleged.

Events Happening In & Around Grand Junction
April 20
April 29
Ave. April 25-28
May 5
May 6
May 25-31
June 8-10
June 27-30
Southwest Fest, Touch a Truck
Spring Clean-up-north of North
Fruita Fat Tire Festival
Cinco de Mayo
Spring Clean-up-south of North Ave.
Juco
Arts & Jazz Festival
Country Jam



Fun Facts

Monkeys at a zoo in northern India are being served a daily shot of brandy to take the chill off winter!

Watch your mail –the Notice & registration form will be coming out soon for the NEXT Liquor Awareness Training session to be scheduled in July! This session will be for owners and managers and will cover the 'paper pushing' end of your business! This is valuable training to familiarize yourself with changes in the Liquor Code, how to avoid late renewals and how to file any changes in your liquor license.

Plan on joining us for this training session!

New Licenses

- **Boston's The Gourmet Pizza,** Hotel and Restaurant, 2404 Patterson
- **Bengal's Lair,** Hotel and Restaurant, 234 Main Street
- **Johnny Carino's Country Italian ,** Hotel and Restaurant, 2480 Hwy 6 & 50
- **Club Fusion,** Tavern, 490 28 1/4 Road



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