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Dear Liquor Industry Members, Local Clerks and Stakeholders:

The Colorado Department of Revenue (Department) and the Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division (Division) are seeking your input and participation in the Liquor Industry Working Group (LIWG) designed to improve the regulation of the liquor industry in Colorado. This effort is in continuance of last year's successful working group process where several issues were identified and substantive changes were made to policies, rules and laws to increase voluntary compliance and improve the relationship between the liquor industry and the Division.

The 2015 Legislative session was active with liquor industry bills, which will require rule changes. In addition to scheduled rule review, a majority of the LIWG's time and resources will be focused on ways to identify, design and implement rule changes in late 2015. The following laws were passed by the Colorado Legislature and signed by Governor John Hickenlooper:

- HB15-1031/Powdered Alcohol
- HB15-1192/Entertainment District Expansion
- HB15-1202/Reissued Licenses
- HB15-1204/Distillery Pub
- HB15-1217/Local Input for Salesrooms
- HB15-1244/Cork and Carry for Club Licenses
- HB15-1255 & SB15-065/EBT Enforcement

The LIWG will also have the opportunity to review and identify other industry/regulation issues not directly related to rule changes. Some issues currently identified are:

- Product registration for alcohol beverages
- Trade Practices
- Replacement of malt liquor/fermented malt beverage
- Modification of Premises while operating under a temporary permit
- Self-dispensing devices

The first meeting of the LIWG will be held on June 26, 2015, at 2 p.m. at the Liquor Enforcement Division:

1881 Pierce Street (Entrance B – Room 110)
Lakewood, CO 80214

The LIWG will be comprised of representatives from the following groups:

City Government	Liquor – Distillery (National View)
Colorado Attorney General’s Office	Liquor – Distillery (State View)
Colorado Legislature	Liquor – Off Premises (Independent)
Community Prevention	Liquor – Off Premises (Statewide)
County Government	Liquor – On Premises (Restaurants)
Department of Revenue/Liquor Enforcement	Liquor – On Premises (Taverns)
Governor’s Office	Liquor – Wholesaler
Law Enforcement Representative	Liquor – Winery (National)
Liquor – Brewery (Large)	Liquor – Winery (State)
Liquor – Brewery (Small)	Liquor Attorney
Liquor – Brewpub	Member at Large

If you want to be a member of the LIWG, please [click here](#) to register. Formal members of the LIWG are the only members allowed to vote on specific recommendations. However, non-LIWG members can actively participate in subgroups and provide input during each LIWG meeting. The deadline for requesting to be a member of the LIWG is Monday, June 15, 2015. Those selected will be notified during the week of June 22.

If you have other issues you want to address during the LIWG, there will be an opportunity to include those issues during your registration process. If you are not interested in being a LIWG member but still want to submit ideas for consideration, email your request to sandra.lowman@state.co.us and include your name and contact information.

The first meeting will focus on evaluating and prioritizing issues the Division has identified and issues submitted by the liquor industry and assigning specific issues to subgroups. The deadline for submitting issues is June 22, 2015.

The Liquor Enforcement Division looks forward to working with the industry, local government and other stakeholders to enhance liquor enforcement in Colorado. If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-205-2934.

Sincerely,



Patrick Maroney
Director
Colorado Liquor Enforcement Division