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**4th Quarter 2014 SC Alcohol Licensing Newsletter**  
*We focus on your licenses so you can focus on your business.*



**Enforcement Update / Sting Operations**

\* SLED alcohol agents continue underage sting operations across the state in both on-premise and off-premise consumption locations as well as regular compliance checks. SLED agents are visiting every liquor store to deliver the new signs about not selling to other retailers. These signs must be posted.

\* In the up-state Tobacco Alcohol Compliance Teams (TACT) are on the move. These are NOT SLED alcohol agents; however, they are sending in minors to attempt a buy. If successful they leave a red “non-compliance notification” and possibly a fine. After two red notifications, one client received a letter from the local municipality's atty stating that if a third red notification occurred they would seek to revoke the client's business license.

\* Employee Training Programs approved by the Department of Revenue can be found [here](#).

\* **Renewals** All alcoholic beverage licenses in the following counties have to be renewed before the end of next month:

Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Spartanburg. There is a 30 day grace period during which you may renew with the payment of a late fee but you may not resume selling alcohol until your licenses are actually renewed.

### **Around the State**

#### **\* Charleston**

**Moratorium**, the City Council has given first reading approval to a one year moratorium on more bars in the peninsula's entertainment district that stay open past midnight.

#### **\* Liquor Stores- Election Day**

Next month will be the first general election day during which liquor stores may be open under the recently passed legislation.

\* The SC **Liquor Retailers Alliance** meeting is this Friday, Oct. 3rd at Myrtle Beach.

### **Litigation to watch**

\* Also, litigation remains pending in the Circuit Court challenging the **three store limit** on liquor retailers. This issue may be back before the legislature this session also.

\* The Administrative Law Court recently dismissed the protest of an alcohol application holding that alleging a separate **civil contract case** between the parties is not, of itself, sufficient legal reason to maintain the protest.

#### **\* Lottery**

A number of retailers who "settled" machine cases with DOR in

**\* Criminal Record Checks**

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the past are now being notified by the Lottery Commission that it is suspending or revoking their lottery license. This action is not triggered by the settlement with DOR but by the local magistrate's ruling on the machine(s).

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