

LAST CALL



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Comment Period for Proposed Medical Marijuana

September 20, 2010, is the deadline for comments regarding the Mayor's proposed Medical Marijuana regulations.

On August 6, 2010, the proposed regulations for the implementation of the Legalization of Marijuana for Medical Treatment Amendment Act of 2010 were introduced. The Act gives the Mayor the power to regulate the cultivation, possession, distribution and use of medical marijuana.

The Act allows physicians licensed by the District to recommend medical marijuana to residents with qualifying medical conditions or to those who are undergoing qualifying medical treatment. A physician may recommend medical marijuana for the following medical conditions: HIV/AIDS, glaucoma, conditions characterized by severe and persistent muscle spasms, cancer or any condition that can-

not be effectively treated by ordinary measures. Physicians may also recommend medical marijuana to mitigate the side effects of some medical treatments.

The Department of Health (DOH), ABC Board, and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) have been delegated by the Mayor with the responsibility for regulating the use of medical marijuana in the District. The new regulations are currently undergoing a 45 day public comment period.

Please submit all comments by September 20th to Arthur J. Parker, Chief, Rulemaking Section, Office of the Attorney General, Legal Counsel Division, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 409, Washington, DC, 20004.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > Comment Period for Proposed Medical Marijuana Regulations
- > Free Compliance Training for ABC Licensees
- > ABRA Receives Award
- > Upcoming License Renewals for Taverns and Nightclubs
- > Daylight Savings Time
- > Extended Hours for Columbus Day

Compliance Training for ABC Licensees

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) will be conducting free compliance training for ABC Licensees. ABRA encourages your participation, but these training sessions are voluntary. If you have not attended a training before, please come join us. If you have attended a training session, send other employees. The training is helpful to all ABC Licensees that sell and serve alcoholic beverages in the District of Columbia.

Training topics include preventing the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors; preventing the sale of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated persons; how to properly request valid identifications; how to spot fake IDs; and information about ABRA's compliance check activities. This year, there will be hands on

demonstrations of **Intoxiclock** on the effects of over serving.

The classes are offered in English, Korean, and Spanish. These classes cannot be substituted for Alcohol Awareness Training.

Training sessions will be held from September 24 through September 26, 2010. Sessions will last for two (2) hours. Please contact Jackie Richardson, Operations Manager, if you are interested in attending. If you have received the flyer and would like to attend, please RSVP to Ms. Richardson at (202) 442-4446 or you may e-mail her at jackierichardson@dc.gov.

ABRA Receives Law Enforcement Award at 2010 EUDL Leadership Conference

On August 2, 2010, the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center informed ABRA that our agency has been selected as one of the recipients of the "2010 Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Program (OJJDP) Law Enforcement Agency of the Year Honorable Mention Award."

The award was presented to ABRA at the 2010 12th Annual National EUDL (Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws) Leadership Conference "Building Community Futures with Blueprints for Success" in Anaheim, California, August 18-20, 2010. The award was received by ABRA's Chief Investigator, Johnnie Jackson during the Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon on August 20, 2010. (Chief Jackson—second from the left.)

ABRA received the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association's "2009 Innovative Liquor Law Enforcement Program of the Year Award" at the 2009 11th Annual National EUDL Leadership Conference.



License Renewals—Nightclubs and Taverns

License Renewals for Retailers' Class CN, DN (Nightclubs) and CT, DT (Taverns) are reminded that they have until September 30, 2010 to renew their liquor license. Payments are required to be made in person at ABRA, 1250 U Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20009.

Any outstanding fines must be paid at the time of renewal. Checks, MasterCard, or Visa are accepted made payable to DC Treasurer. **NO CASH!!!** Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact ABRA at (202) 442-4423 and request to speak with Danielle Balmelle, Program Manager of the Licensing Division or e-mail her at

danielle.balmelle@dc.gov.

Daylight Savings Time—Extended Hours

On October 31, 2010, which is Daylight Saving Time, ABC Licensees that qualify, may receive an extra hour to remain open to sell and serve alcoholic beverages. On Sunday evening—October 31, 2010 until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning—November 1, 2010 (on-premises) may enjoy the extended hour.

Licensees are eligible for this extension if: (1) They do not have a voluntary agreement; or (2) Their voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on hours. This policy does not extend an establishments permitted hours of entertainment, nor does it alter the two-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants prior to closing.

October 31, 2010 is Halloween. Please be aware that children and pedestrians are about town. ABRA wants all licensees to serve responsibly and know that the District of Columbia supports zero tolerance for drunk drivers and underage drinking.

Extended Hours of Operation



Extended hours reminder—Licensees may remain open one extra hour to sell and serve alcoholic beverages on the night before District of Columbia and federal holidays.

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Columbus Day is Monday, October 11. DC and the Federal government offices will be closed. Therefore qualifying licensees may extend their hours on Sunday evening, October 10, until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning (on-premises).

Feel free to visit the ABRA website to review the entire 2010 Extended Hours Calendar at www.abra.dc.gov.