

LAST CALL



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CHANGE of HOURS for CLASS A & CLASS B LICENSEES

DC Law 19-168, the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Act of 2012 (Act), became law on September 20, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012. The Act contains a provision that allows Class A and Class B retail licensees to apply to ABRA to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday through Saturday and Sunday at Class B retailers. Class A and B retail licensees are required to file a change of hours application with ABRA to request these earlier hours.

This application is available on ABRA's website at www.abra.dc.gov. ABRA will begin accepting change of hours applications on **Monday, October 1, 2012**. There is no fee to apply for the change in hours.

Licensees are eligible to request the earlier hours only if: (1) the licensee does not have a voluntary agreement, or (2) the voluntary agreement does not contain any restrictions on morning hours. For more information, please feel free to contact Tiwana Hicks, Program Manager for ABRA's Licensing Division at tiwana.hicks@dc.gov or call 202/442-4423.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- > **CHANGE of HOURS for CLASS A and CLASS B LICENSEES**
- > **OCTOBER HEARING for CIVIL PENALTIES**
- > **REIMBURSABLE DETAIL SUBSIDY PROGRAM**
- > **TASTING PERMITS for DISTILLERIES**
- > **2nd AND 3rd YEAR PAYMENTS**
- > **EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS of OPERATION**

OCTOBER HEARING for CIVIL PENALTIES

The ABC Board is holding a public hearing on a proposed rulemaking that would amend the existing Civil Penalty Schedule set forth in Section 800 of Title 23 of the DCMR. If you would like to testify please contact Martha Jenkins, General Counsel at martha.jenkins@dc.gov or call 202/442-4423 and provide your full name, title and affiliations. Testimony will be limited to 5 minutes. Please bring 7 copies of your testimony.

If you are unable to attend written statements can be sent to the General Counsel. Additional information, including the proposed rulemaking, can be found in the September 7, 2012 DC Register.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

2000 14th Street, NW

Board Hearing Room 4th floor-South

REIMBURSABLE DETAIL SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code 25-211(b)(2)(2011 Supp.) the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board voted on September 19, 2012 with a 5-0 vote to adopt changes to the Reimbursable Detail Subsidy Program. The changes will go into effect on October 1, 2012. The days covered by the subsidy now include Friday and Saturday with the addition of Federal and District holidays (this change will be available for the Columbus Day holiday October 8, 2012). The hours eligible for reimbursement are now 11:30 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. This is an increase from previous hours which were 11:30 p.m. – 4:30 a.m.

Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained by contacting Martha Jenkins, General Counsel at martha.jenkins@dc.gov or call 202/442-4423.

TASTING PERMITS for DISTILLERIES

DC Law 19-168, the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Support Act of 2012 (Act), became law on September 20, 2012 and will be effective October 1, 2012. The Act contains a provision that allows for Class A manufacturers to apply for a Tasting Permit and to sell spirits for off-premise consumption. The Tasting Permit would allow for tastings to occur on Thursdays—Sundays from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. The daily amount of spirits provided to a customer **cannot** exceed 3 oz. per day. Class A manufacturers may sell spirits in barrels and sealed bottles for off-premise consumption. The updated application form for Class A and B tasting permits is on the ABRA website at www.abra.dc.gov. There is a \$130 fee for the Tasting Permit application.



Licensees are eligible for this permit if: (1) They do not have a voluntary agreement; or (2) Their voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on obtaining a Tasting Permit.

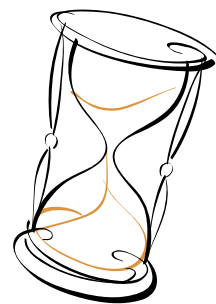
EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS of OPERATION

Extended hours reminder—Licensees may remain open until 4 a.m. to sell and serve alcoholic beverages and operate for 24 hours a day on the night before District of Columbia and Federal holidays. The first affected holiday is Columbus Day celebrated by the District of Columbia on Monday, October 8, 2012. Notification for the extension was due 30 days before the holiday is observed. If you would like to apply for extended hours on Veteran's Day the notification form is due to ABRA by October 11, 2012.

There is no fee to apply, however, a public safety plan is also required. The Notification form **only** covers the remainder of the 2012 calendar year.

The form is available online at www.abra.dc.gov and must be submitted in person to the ABRA office at 2000 14th Street, NW Suite 400 South

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 establishment's permitted hours of entertainment, nor does it alter the two-hour kitchen requirement for restaurants prior to closing.



SECOND AND THIRD YEAR PAYMENTS

The following license holders are reminded that they have until Monday, October 1, 2012 to make their 2nd and/or 3rd Year License Fee Payment: Wholesaler B, Retailer's B, Retailer's CT, Retailer's CN, Retailer's DT, and Retailer's DN. Payments can be made in person or mailed to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14th Street, NW, 400S, Washington, DC 20009. All mail-in payments must be made in the form of a check or money order, payable to the DC Treasurer. Credit card payments must be made in person and only MasterCard and Visa are accepted. Cash payments are not accepted.



Should you have any questions, please contact Tiwana Hicks, Licensing Division Program Manager, at tiwana.hicks@dc.gov or call 202/442-4423.