



LAST CALL

RETURN OF THE REIMBURSABLE DETAIL SUBSIDY

Beginning **July 1, 2011**, the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) will reimburse the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) twenty-five percent (25%) of the costs incurred by ABC licensees for MPD officers working reimbursable details under the Reimbursable Detail Subsidy Program. Funding under the Program is limited to Friday and Saturday nights between the hours of midnight and 4 a.m.

On March 2, 2011, the Board had previously suspended funding for the Program on an emergency basis, effective April 1, 2011, to preserve the remaining funds in the Program for use later in FY 2011 during the busier summer months. The Fiscal Year 2011 Revised Budget Request Act of 2010, signed by the Mayor on December 17, 2010, reduced funding for the Program in FY 2011 by \$500,000. The ABC Board decided to reinstate funding for the Program on June 1, 2011, citing the importance of the Program to public safety.

The Program operates with ABRA providing reimbursements under the subsidy program for monies paid to MPD by licensees for the hiring of MPD officers to work a reimbursable detail outside of the licensed establishment.

A licensee, a group of licensees, or a Business Improvement District on behalf of licensees, may enter into an agreement with MPD to provide for a reimbursable detail and are eligible for reimbursements under the subsidy program. MPD submits to ABRA on a monthly basis invoices documenting 25% of the amount owed by each licensee. Any unpaid invoices by ABRA for good cause or due to a lack of sufficient funds is the responsibility of the licensee. ABRA does not determine the number of MPD officers needed to work a reimbursable detail and does not recommend specific MPD officers to work under the Program.

For any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please contact Martha Jenkins, General Counsel at martha.jenkins@dc.gov or you may phone her at 202/442-4455. For information regarding the Program, please contact the **Special Operations Division** as they work with each licensee. You may contact Lt. William Farr at william.farr@dc.gov or Sgt. Herbert Newman at herbert.newman@dc.gov.



NEWS HOURS FOR OFF-PREMISE LICENSEES

Bill 19-338, the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2011, amends section 722 of the D.C. Code to allow Class A and Class B licensees to apply to ABRA to sell and deliver alcoholic beverages until Midnight on Monday Through Saturday. Class B licensees are also permitted to apply to ABRA to sell and deliver wine and beer until midnight on Sundays. Eligible licensees are still required to file a change of hours application with ABRA to request these later hours. This application will be available on ABRA's website at www.abra.dc.gov. This legislative change is effective July 1, 2011, and ABRA will begin accepting change of hours applications on this date.

Off-premise licensees are eligible to request later hours only if (1) the licensee does not have a voluntary agreement, or (2) the voluntary agreement does not contain any restrictions on hours.

For more information, please feel free to contact Tiwana Hicks, Program Manager for the Licensing Division at tiwana.hicks@dc.gov or you may phone her at (202) 442-4359.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- > REIMBURSABLE DETAIL SUBSIDY
- > NEW HOURS FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B LICENSEES
- > ROUNDTABLE HEARINGS
- > ABC BOARD UPDATES
- > EXTENDED HOURS
- > OFF PREMISE SALES TAX

For additional copies of the ABRA newsletter, please contact Cynthia Simms, Community Resource Officer at cynthia.simms@dc.gov or you may phone her at (202) 442-4496.

ROUNDTABLE HEARINGS

The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) will be hosting several Roundtables throughout the Summer and early Fall. ABRA will be requesting members of the public to attend the first Promoters' Roundtable. All meetings will be held at ABRA in the ABC Board's hearing room. ABRA is located at the Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, Suite 400 South, Washington, DC 20009. Please contact Community Resource Officer, Cynthia Simms if you would like to participate. She may be reached at cynthia.simms@dc.gov or you may phone her at 202/442-4496.

ROUNDTABLE DATES AND TIMES

NOISE TASK FORCE

Tuesday July 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

PROMOTERS' ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

SECURITY ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, September 21 at 1:30 p.m.

ABC BOARD

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Board) will be in recess during the following dates listed below. The dates are for each Wednesday when hearings are normally held. If you were given one of the dates below for a hearing, you will be notified of a new date. If you do not receive notification, please contact Thea Davis, Deputy General Counsel at thea.davis@dc.gov or you may phone here at 202/442-4353.

ABC BOARD

Nick Alberti, Interim Chairperson

Members:

Donald Brooks, Herman Jones,
Calvin Nophlin, and Mike Silverstein

ABC BOARD RECESS DATES

August 24 and 31, 2011

September 7, 2011

November 24, 2011

December 21 and 28, 2011

January 4, 2012

EXTENDED HOURS — INDEPENDENCE DAY

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. Independence Day, which is a federal holiday is on Monday, July 4, 2011. As such, on Sunday evening July 3rd through Monday morning, all eligible licensees are able to operate an extended hour. You may remain open until 3:00 a.m. Monday morning.

On-premise licensees are eligible for this extension if: (1) The licensee does not have a voluntary agreement; or (2) The voluntary agreement does not have any restrictions on hours. This policy does not extend an establishment's permitted hours of entertainment, nor does it altar the two-hour requirement for restaurant kitchens to remain open before closing.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to call the ABRA Office at (202) 442-4423 or visit the ABRA website to review the entire 2011 Extended Hours Calendars at www.abra.dc.gov.



OFF-PREMISE SALES TAX INCREASE

Bill 19-338, the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2011, also increases the sales tax for off-premise alcohol sales. Specifically, effective July 1, 2011, Class A and Class B licensees are required to collect a sales tax of 10 percent (10%) on the sale of alcoholic beverages for **off-premise** consumption. This charge represents an increase of one percent (1%) over the nine percent (9%) sales tax previously charged.

Off-premise alcoholic beverages are defined as spirits, wine, and beer sold at a licensed establishment **other than** a restaurant, tavern, nightclub, hotel, club or multipurpose facility.

For additional information regarding implementation, please feel free to contact the Office of Tax and Revenue's Customer Service Center at (202) 727-4TAX (4829).

