Regulation Updates

Effective May 13, 2023

- First major update of the Department Regulations since 2011
- Updated language to match changes in law and Department practice
- Match rules for alcohol and tobacco licensees more closely
- Updated regulations to include Ready-to-Drink Spirit's beverages
- Updated the language around intoxication to focus on impairment
- Removed problematic language regulation

Procedural Changes

- Clarifies the food requirements for on premise licenses
- Allows licenses to transfer beverage alcohol or tobacco without prior authorization among similarly licensed locations controlled by the same licensed entity
- Requires licensees that receive suspensions to post notice of that suspension to the public giving the effective date and length of the time of the suspension in every entry way
- Codified the Department's rule on not allowing Temporary IDs as Acceptable
- Business records now include video footage
- New rules added for Break Open Tickets and Games of Chance

Education Changes

- Testing added to all license certification classes to provide proof of comprehension. Testing will be added to all trainings not already with testing before 2024
- Wine Storage Facility, Wholesale Dealer, Certificate of Approval, and Bottler's licenses do not require training
- Codifies the In-House Trainer program as well as the use of 3rd party vendors for training
- Allows licensees to maintain training records as electronic records

For 1st and 3rd class licensees:

Adulteration is now allowed with the following rules under Regulation 39 (a)

- Must be clearly labeled with the following information:
 - date of production, the name of the person who created the mixture/infusion, the ingredients in the mixture/infusion including the alcohol brand name(s) & quantity, the estimated proof of the mixture/infusion
- Any mixture/infusion created shall be produced in a safe and sanitary manner
- Any vessel used for dispensing the mixture/infusion shall not have a beverage alcohol brand label, nor shall it be dispensed from a vessel that is of a design that would signify a particular brand of beverage alcohol to a consumer

Bucket Service by licensee staff is permissible under Regulation 34 so long as the number of containers per patron does not exceed 2 containers per patron and all service is provided in respect to all other regulations

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