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Conference](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFetueU62paDDoqPmkWNHMA_jDUkh3C_IRvAlmY6vKkncFJsFRBGKGmISOYjyBnaayScwlpLzNaoD2X2kNR567tgIpbe5el8jyFW0FtbIHc0tP2aAJd7hXAefc_mpD_3bHOE8HuzECmDW6n2jUMhQ-Bcdq7Wlt1IQAbVcu1YiRbyeno1au5byibeqhSpZq2-LQ_XOYycfb2-Y75WTNWZ0J_QuXhSP0lyol8kaVsA6xh50GkYFyLYg78pVq5rTfAm-nRjxn3dn5fmSB&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Chicago, IL  September 8 - Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers Annual Golf Outing | Indianapolis, IN  September 11-14 - [Montana Tavern Association Convention](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFevHSqH-F-LWpO3yU_7Q3PhVB9qyqB51RugAaH3vyJTkT3-RN-E2yWgX0wsm7jsPepj8U-BhHnZPGfCNahm2OQkMB5Jdy2yjnRsyx93dyQyM1n4j1J5zCWNMbpfT28YhTfzsTRnABVRIQbwxNmyMwgpOet_JVCsbbFr8PBCmr_rVRSGG2rqr-fGk7aiqGqIra9wWmXWnd3xYYLJnQak326uVVYq4vl1EPpxiqBOztTYJwKE3pWTdE0DSWp3-xmZjpkA==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Billings, MT  September 14-15 - [Wine, Beer & Spirits Law Conference](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFep3FEOsTCgrY1iiGZEupI3CX0UdjHmEsMM8hU930devGX7pUdUCn9cTzRcS1bSNaMdSCvLnvVtNArd4kY21EoQCjqhvxHXcg8282qGv5ZJS7WPVVVRxRdT1L74WZOfpIetyU3k1E_tCqCWLay8gdGvzQS84-_XSRkz1SEsJcDtRYDIMvC8xk5Nos9rzkOFiUKBPTcr2wHlYWpwO48VI1ivrTx3WRkDzdxzX8eBzzwahAJSEq93LklcH2p9FaapPLZctAYmTiIma3tj4MLDsQGOZGihZuYywY3fN9vuyeGRw2NqMQ_BAnt2yssD5Yo-go1_gPuoQUgfiLFpmrDptvaC_jEzoOM5soAlZxIBrOiil3pTg98yg_WDDceFcau-pWWg==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Portland, OR  September 17-19 - [Illinois Licensed Beverage Association 132nd Annual Convention](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFeofM0DRqtGSf0trSJa8IbjVReFkI0fb7FSe19Sl44CijguWlUAnkzyvG1CSWrtpnKUnpSsHFmGfixegnKCGCNOEM_1iAuU-dFnPjfWC1PTkU5rFGoAAhLj-y3kuFPXD7rA5B6bk_AKpW1Bj057mFYiWvy2s1AlGqi7TAOKzYsQIANXX7X8e1aV5JbPAf0t5gUpgB0TZ0cO_HwuU-vw54n1H2D1kxr2-W4AURMcqOVPE95gv6OFI2HW1pxoVHB5quJuwxBCaZ4CXY&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Alton, IL  September 22-25 - [Wine & Spirits Guild of America Meeting](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFevHSqH-F-LWpEX1nJBn5PXtRw_LCuUAfODpE77F19DphJ9gpblmJeX6SB5MqlRKpEqF1M-7E98BorIn9nETrrVF5F5dgicZwe7gb1LdCEXumgUuzd-Lr3xdeqAjelFq7T0Yf3IkFUvksuT1BtHSy471G1Tjw4kC2KJzPPzhiHZSmqcCURfPK7vINXTj-cC1VjG1qV0Y2EET5MFCKoE6-Ydsr4TtZmjEZ_a_cqGaeTlcQ4qHQQsUOp5hkxPl7SSJoH5E5wb_DU7JeTWhDLbA_bSiBuE5V-W5atQ==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Boston, MA  **September 26-28 -** [**ABL Fall Board Meeting**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFelYA02PmmwOSaCB3kK-UFlQvMTCg076Yxfz4owUiFLn-Wj1AWVipiPLhN3L9zcRJ3NnowEFmYDirBFcz2mYXCC1jVIzMeHwsYe4HGPCUNlIAQxLvPnsLAoEhe6_sIKqQSPhAWZW8Z4K18FWMVVcdfmiPjaBhzd-1ZnSC5F2-Kk00tTvmthFqxa13WXdAy5Eyi-sJXWvYHLrKmc98-jcrFJ1FnysS3MicHU6h2qUJPZSigLTFFXrP7O4h-9MBQV6RsVL39Vt21EyCInJwFoMYsh4=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) **| Washington, DC**  October 2-5 - [Tavern League of Wisconsin Fall Convention & Trade Show](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFevHSqH-F-LWpDj5pbQnMHM-gfB9G9sj6XNSICVqpIGwhXu_mVTbs3NIqOW6jK_yIn6QRSm4n4lvJs4gJrbsph-7te64aekF793sxXcvHM4vTTF6kDienW7cHh_3kZYS7boj32yNpT5QKLtRQvj-y-Z_OZJ5tkR1gNgFwSbMcpwT8lokZxsun2Qy8oHbggKM2nEUfHc39j11_7F5QI486zm5Txze51x-Pvp_fRYGEmTe52Qmn_93czgc=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Appleton, WI  October 8-11 - [NBWA 80th Annual Convention & Trade Show](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFenm-WtQWd4st_vTtldZs_7uds42BowarQXfIhrWhCnudHLLg9byJrrJFdJ3DRCelT962TQFBDmMjloeoF-cC5rbgnnimOhmXQwAvbn03nVn2O0R00YCd6TQKGSPlP5LfaROmF6rTFUEmfmNGEXorQpDPfRHI7Xr-Qwr3ZeX3k6rIUUjtcySgbtkFf8_TDWfqtX6meQmEWC6K07fnGwCTGmoqUSOITvreW7SmREHxcWKnEKgEeENFUTF65Q4gPsTuuju78u6uyU-Hp1x9qixL4rA=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Las Vegas, NV  October 16 - [Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America Fall Membership Meeting](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFetueU62paDDotB99W_sLTrCfo0gkVHIm8tWBEm2oEm8OXDfH1lZgj5ztWlRD8DZ0Iz_rd_a266Cq1NQoWp5q1OB_HViArlssMVvIQSjaTyJfwx80VtG1HhgVjZIEJo_4dPo1aaL7nD6mWsDrY4ncii41Dywes4QGEQDFkygWPx48wNp4YP8OeSHm1zQmjKtwdOnnazL7u9k3mAG6gVGc4flxZIcPGZsNGjkS-3ZjoCOMWIpivTygAjA=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | Washington, DC |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **ABL & PUBLIC POLICY News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [**Beverage Licensees Support Bipartisan Transparency in Music Licensing and Ownership Act**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5R0NFio1aeVeqjsTlhVaQNl590iJOTnCvtpO-lht6M049sps8XVeITOwTmXTb6Nt7lJg7yoYRxqMQLek0WW99hySkOW2d2bd7v2ltnGCxPhID_o7pZellxk8hbwEURgavA0z_-gNFn0FNMtOSs04JEA4uezEjn4LLQrI5RD93lN_gvVKCD_WoNy04lL-uMa4Lu8SF61lrayq0NfLvXeCTLs3ER7LupoZI_aj9DcpZS0wg2ClvA535jfb8GXqQK0WIBvuzwd9Opryltff9yOKuGE3pZ11UZoVGaQFQ7xg6dKDBlt3c-vBnVwhIqpRo9oQLT2SVH2IdXtuPBgaHHVU8zkoc-Yz0pmihZ&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  American Beverage Licenses (ABL), a national trade association representing nearly 15,000 beverage alcohol retailers, announced its support today for the *Transparency in Music Licensing and Ownership Act* (H.R. 3350).  The bipartisan bill, introduced by Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and cosponsored by Representatives Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Blake Farenthold (R-TX), and Steve Chabot (R-OH), would establish a reliable, unified database of copyright ownership and licensing information for musical works.   * **Morning Consult:**[Transparency in Music Licensing Helps Small Businesses (Op-Ed)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5Re34NWaPtRg7Iw1EYJ564Hv8WPMUmMPUvtjIIhgpPSyq-6HLLIVW9IN1UJ5XKxP_pj7Z0Xq7WLQmBktiQTBdpnWX-Vr6BV2L3XVEjeurxI9oIrNuHJkJIgJyQrx3YnRGpBpBbV2LA4tkDCkoGBI3h6ZLWvpkIObLGe7TNOy_ywto3bhzdGZ51niK5A8sdWwa1AeAU72zOpA26lidnXUAC5polDyWRYXs5IC79TvDjVnIvgFoVW2FgJbIORq4li9xAb6Tdx-FMmmLTukE5J3r5BIdnnCw5NZRIXwuoNUNB6yTesT0ku0wa2hppAX4JYHUq&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) * **M.I.C. Coalition:**[Transparency in Music Licensing and Ownership Act Promotes a Vibrant Music Licensing Marketplace](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RY30rQVHeV3wrvoKvag6fw2_YYXkvchJC1OVnUcSymvuXw6x-zKWO1931u3qhsvxfLdB-u58uau7Va_8AJ1klXHIYbrJl1Cyl79Q9cJ21CLjbb9sXTtJQkNomBlCp4Ik3tjfuZprO3oRMBxzIFybsavr0adWnkzGXoTTNODkXxCGzKxfbviIwIcWxUiBgfQiBY46fgK4n9_zqDtQt9lwAokBldGU9Y2_cnq_oZxWJy-ygy5lEP-k-CXFIxIZFIn_RsHIzrfUKrXe1uywMiN4iVtmoGydj2cYgUqWvopsz5HVwX2p31Yx3FOvwVtYPOUkoWnZDg9gSUKzQYuplIqFSkZMk0S_FVt2VR-lXRLj5-SX0oVaQyT5LRw==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) * **Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner:**[Rep. Sensenbrenner Introduces the Transparency in Music Licensing Ownership Act](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5R7ykLnCWFV2LxhXr1hy06WmqfFBb9pMcCFKuAQ3NFkPr3vfxScE9DvJ69_75B7YdDYTzEBJThWJbehgSDuzdNLFhO1wBB7z1ebdSrKriwSU6nHKyo9JSRR-vMcBigz9UpkfhVWFyyTUsLuh0P3kykm5Qvj17Y-xvdbqodA1S-0fhmrkDXJgvvWu6FIscMej43DfW2rqhUJIRCiAV1cymGIyGnqDsPPMBvgdhgaesmVp-UvsMC3gxq2qytLgdRGz3vEMLKs_VZCmSGWCo9Lzl8rfY2VJ6gUnbt_1YVZ00W5ImhaF8HsF2LEFgrClRrYHoTD2_GkLa6Cog=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)   [Marijuana Banking Takes Massive Leap Forward](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5R15vnQfW1A9BzG2m4-iLFUyd9jq3BtBVdT-B-TshjqjjIjGokJWEEWP8zxoeOPjFiMBkxZYxQuyFol096V05vn56Yf5cVgUJ25lVmPtQjKzMxhT97zKuudJ3GWIb6USOuJA0LaKx2XETya6kIZcmbdxWUNRZRwWnQHzNrcIinfWsPLHcifMF5wjbEPZjyzylqM5qavYoo_8pduO0OM9OZRibm87m3Zg9bwHYxjMbp8NO_k3COCr17-_UAbFXicR7ba5FmdH993MNS3Sr3bDe3weykn1Tt8qr6Zqh31_gXaO3rqzPGzdrxo-Y4-JhUdTMyDuLOXisXil4=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Last month witnessed a marijuana banking explosion. Spanning 29 states and generating $7.2 billion in 2016, the United States' legalized marijuana industry's greatest obstacle-banking-was significantly reduced by the Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's (FinCEN) June 6, 2017, "marijuana banking update," The Fourth Corner Credit Union v. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, No. 16-1016 --- F.3d ---- (10th Circuit, June 27) landmark opinion, and rise of the interbanking systems alternative to the barred use of credit cards in marijuana sales.    [Congress Weighs Tax Reforms for Small Businesses](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RhBxqhPi-GFF0DX79jIBqkXvT2NUx74Hrc-iU45TBV54pUdj3eS6HLSqEr2EYDdTKx2F5eaSqnOmgoSaL_g1QBytuF2ATTFBRDQppbMfeQKJ8kplYpg_m-7LUB_I_oqje4gIETbHAQGXuH68kn2T7JKHTyApcjW1oU3x2M8wNIRLbnod7CYY5XtL437vxida9LJGb4WBXpxF7oByZfl6wVIeeVzCJ4eqewhtlO04XoALfar5N8CiJxOEXXdTD3VBhb8BMWpPMtlN2Hx0FiZnr9BPUG5J2MMNh3fOP6upAJrC58k-EZj--ip4ienhoZFvO&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  The House Ways and Means Tax Policy Subcommittee held a hearing Thursday to discuss how tax reform will affect small businesses, while a Senate Democrat introduced legislation to give new tax breaks to small businesses. "In the Ways and Means Committee we are proposing a simplified tax code that works with, instead of against, small businesses," said subcommittee chairman Peter Roskam, R-Ill., in his opening statement.    [Proposed Border Tax Would Hurt These Retailers the Most](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5Rvtom1aAsLigCNwi_HfRjlPHAu51axECjRGMPMY7frRTwQi7nvxS9LbSwYOCxNqEpgwfAjmWukocP_YlBNGWzEZ4CSXfCCWq6GOVPbNoaOEj56XkJau2BSqKmJ9wmoLHYZJxa9fQ3vef6D5aAWdbXuIM_B_EwCqNGeYQXup80moEG1DBxZ2Qa8TftYbJk_EwiO90ZtwrbfbPnPDHikORo4fPg3w-kxJnuCwR33OWeGJg1CgmOBiemtrJwUIdU_4GwN7VGIb0AFNY9Qicpc5VQ7RzcCNRaGYI6&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Proposed reforms to the nation's tax code would hurt smaller retailers more than larger ones. The National Retail Federation said smaller retailers and their employees would suffer more than large companies under a proposal to create a border adjustment tax that would drive up the price of imported merchandise. "Small retailers are probably the business group that is hardest hit by the potential impact of the BAT," NRF senior VP for government relations David French said.    [White House Scaling Back Goals for Business Tax Cuts](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RWE-TeKLUVqciolmPPXvsgM14TwOJy75vOG0TZnkpzzAkQiXlWRl6zlLLGUciMlgCaWnkkPuGLXqmvkdvYGbc1iY89xj2mfyHawaoB8VOSlWgY7tOdp5-mmRoCOt16wUHUVk2JcYPILy0xJubNXK7zLb5Rx5T7YdXJUYHJe7nweUt7ICGS-yHFmQCQ2oSB0lBn41mpKCr-NrUdPhwkDj89i3iJ-EVsYvrYI8GwKZ5QZykoo7MH5S08v4EfV1SBIBq0MTmU0kBAqd9IzH92WcF447SaTMDeIwsCdos22XkhWEde-BvjvfyD53PCScqDlNZMUoFg-pG-n8=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  With President Trump's promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act nearly dead, administration officials are scaling back their ambitions to cut the corporate tax rate sharply, apparently taking a more pragmatic approach as they scramble to secure a major legislative victory this year. In recent days, discussions among Mr. Trump's economic advisers over promised tax cuts for corporations and individuals have taken on new urgency, a person who has been briefed on the matter said.    [Senior U.S. Republican Says Corporate Lobbying Helped Derail Border Tax](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RdAq9H6xrYAxgQUcY-Cogl5pNxfOFxSyOVRzw9hdPIvEYQ66RV7LVDNJH5p2ELmOzr7TRCGixGL78URxjffD_PiSbxELCQY45ggfVsyr2MK7zu_9rAdaS2c50BBr62Nrwv-1dWuON2idnHbVR3O4EbpEKI6A_hLIKcx4-MI9yEMn9dg2khwr9BAfkoFEwwkFP5UH7ezt5GP6dYJlWilmZyq0Q3Y75RqGD1tJmZBLnV_qJm5tmmrjHJH6eyv7l3CeZblvYHT6FhSe1CEqZ8MZmclrOZZRHbj8HW0wtF5QmdxNFrZkT-Mibn3hQqNcXtbPxvJosd-SZtpYuJp4GsaWFLw==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  An aggressive corporate lobbying effort to derail a Republican-backed border tax has forced lawmakers working on tax reform to seek alternatives, Kevin Brady, chairman of the tax-writing U.S. House Ways and Means Committee, said on Wednesday. The proposed border adjustment tax on U.S. companies that move jobs abroad and import products back into the U.S. market was meant to be a linchpin of a Republican tax overhaul in the House of Representatives.    [Bipartisan Beer Caucus Hops into Debate Over Tax Reform](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RBKkqc9G8SDNOnZ7OD8Lb6xNCU9E4LOP8XZF-GsC_nAwL9Z22jeC3FndPZ4yD-72F6mXHpn5BFixUBDRCuBYOtCXGOTjqqs5Pdmedq_kZxuNiTPUbcIsXjfKPDSoMiaqmWD-ycE_TfGzFHFPVkNFZWOAOm0dd8EBSIHYIt00Kx2oCNi07t945j81bd6kt8ztngE3yuzkwqJTehlQy7v5rYMuZBnUHwklVXj6mXXynayM0-5HOtrBzSybtWg1PIDyVKbT4DcmDgK2-bZy-CLDUPM6_peE4uny7xzaGJXsEW6tJIkzU_9Cl325j566CvOjwRvwlOCQeKvR5SRe8vGhagA==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  A surprising cause might play a role in bipartisan tax reform later this year: beer. Members of both parties are expressing support for craft brewing, with a caucus even forming in the House to champion it. The House Small Brewers Caucus has 225 members, more than half of the chamber, making it the largest bipartisan caucus on Capitol Hill.    [With Congress Fighting Over Healthcare, Some Music Industry Execs Anxiously Eye BMI vs. Dept. of Justice Case](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RPvcNhHB4Q-sRoY4mGlywijp_7gSsYqILW8crlAabCOFrT3AxCm7V5uA1Dde3ysFPkU4VK0GY4UL78QgoCFPbiJmGbjKx5wGhC5QYu1_f9sM9b-Jz0VSfIKi8W5XsVcPdVR0SLGlLWWUi5Fs3zcQJa6sprvxcpv0582tdR0y6Mjpe0cNBP3YIFQ56GjEibiRJAw8vYyhfVK9eGFwvhjOfGWAFpEfAyHIjbV4eAg8iT2JcxqzSH8Pd0AwaF71bEzeCGvc0-Y9buf_26sUWiTGHu0wZ0j3oizhRj1NH5R-FNLHHv0PTXtBX-FzW-6Fq7LI2uYHRAnzf0JP9wPPynyyU-y_XaUvl7Rc1&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  The ongoing healthcare debate in Congress and, in general, politics between the Democrats and Republicans, have been holding up Donald Trump's appointments throughout the United States federal government over the past several months. And now, some music industry executives are worried that the Dept. of Justice's appeal of BMI's victory against full-works licensing will proceed to trial without the new administration and its DOJ appointments weighing in on the issue. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROFILE** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [**Castle Brands, Inc.**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RTcOhSqySHTIOh6NfiY0jpQZhCz8MKGYusNyFtoTS0_BZOwpz87B_DQUVmn3VUApAVf5xC0MATw-Rq2RIgvFf518VTaXamo7ABOJzxWOQSwyEL0ln3BQsp1T0jD6DjNkW-SVnnhb-IzIibErdb4tDsd9bsgg0choiIK0PX7-YwiUE_6jPaCamMAYeH0RpRv3P2QUYN8y0AcMuAVn0WXP2iYmFipp5dYH8T54Jww-Ys-o=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  As one of the few small public companies in the global beverage alcohol industry, our mission is to develop and grow our current portfolio of premium brands and to complement these brands through a combination of acquisitions, agency relationships and new product development. We position our brands in the high-end segments of leading internationally recognized product categories.  Everything we do is based on our core values: To be bold in our demands on ourselves; to be clear in our relationships with all of the individuals and organizations with which we interact; and to conduct our business with integrity and style. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **INDUSTRY News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | **Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)**  [TTB Newsletter | Weekly News (July 21)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RP_irv9kgp7tegv009sm226VCp5szB7JCZsiDsOR0-GCGJ4proihoW0usskxJjn0qXAhR8Ud9tSoSkEUpYuhUTs6sW2Fkpj3nlJHDwOS98Z5GsOHCFDHCnyH8Ckd68vU2c78cuZ4FYvbITvdrXPZXTW3PcGUhM0D3E5DvcGRsHolrNUzKW7QQA7A5nOFgAJAqBW6oNK4mPY6vqb2UpC3DVU_IMrFvzfc_enkp_cOMtILO-kP6otHbe1qTLnx2TVFF92bf4CQnVSD8XrFZhC5phaA--rkyb8fPbxgzlqiDxGA=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  [TTB and Florida Authorities Conduct Joint Trade Practice Investigations](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RX8pH3iA5QEJs-iERrirABzYg4gy34XGBAqNrrMN_vztZYfLR1y7oyweL-LUkoguyxka1cp_ehBO-wbRdrPXRE1kWdi8X7MLkQCBQVb9ZwS2H345DokGGVJbv5O4GtIkJR23R4lsiwg1spLv3QJjoUb80EhC6hs9VuYwu7MIJUMMpc398_0AYNSJfnkWxqcyJtqwKtJ9Gs3F-fDZXPCD_K_PRWnjNa2o025whRDJr_-rwCwqNK8U71tG82P3MZDb4-DFHR6DIc3M=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)    **Campaign for a Healthy Alcohol Marketplace**  [Alcohol Policy Research: Where Do I Find It?](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RN8-E1W2t7Ffgzbfc49Ivwgr4Rb8s2OuGor6iCSqp4-sPSHQNNm1OhwGnNy5Bs7Ni2PjCYIduJBJf_g_ONTQwFFwgxNLj_2cLGmsBNJIWXtgsN8lVurdjo4NUNLekYSu02_zgovABmOg2t3TDuQKK7iPY_xlxMGEdmauz8sWXwBPwhetKrckpBMsRxleY2spfiEx9NpDevDNK4TXsqMKL9RJKkR5PUA5uCe11Ouuk58FLY28mFCg-xMy6dT0dPnZ_&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)    **R Street**  [The Strange War on Alcohol Advertising (Op-Ed)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RVNQbemsr6sSOHn3FMk8D7cvqpmjsfglXKoRlft5lMRZWu0-50_3nFJtVtRQEQ1ZhH8-zQVXRSi9eMp6qQVEHu3ANeZRyvN3UNlov5ibRJfCX1kxzkMPHJm7mlWGXtVSvBwOTAHvySccZlnw1-Zk1fqIfj4Cl2gdSOL3YtZAUTLj0SGnUW-I73sZ3ipGFRo3AWvlQlynXKzbioAdqul8sJEAZRg5lohhlvQEnmTpvwiKglioQwKdelR8KeoR9_Eoea7KlAXZ40I2hRh8SyTivf-mZKzwjDhGHgI1rnLZMN8U=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **AFFILIATE News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | **Alabama Beverage Licensees Association**  [State Calls-Off Ban on Pitchers of Margaritas](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RDx1q2MlPCcgAiL6Wl0GyTg1or3Ghuog2AWctK9YbBYVl1kzzmJ2RO6EeClTlP1ucAEMJh2vG58XGBhWiW672iL2zu9eZSATNFI4sv-x9img8xGmRCv5RSu4-Uriyn1sSJz2Muo41peVsjFrVp9Se9AJCC4SZ7nmsMe2TD95P1pfub5SB5zgvmC7-y3BctQRi-xOzU2KO8gTCLbG5K57Aq-yTVydEdXGizRbPup35StQ5u0LW3b5sA093Szc9ODArYQG827C_JOHSPVx9trK0rZfEFw0PtJoIZSMEmVewzOdvoKaePuHx1A==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Welcome back to Margaritaville: Singer Jimmy Buffett's childhood home on Thursday backed off a short-lived ban on the sale of pitchers of the drink he made famous. The Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board announced an end to the pitcher prohibition a day after al.com published a column criticizing the moratorium. The irresistible mix of Buffett, Alabama's perceived prudishness and tequila helped the topic quickly gain traction on social media.    **Indiana Association of Beverage Retailers**  [Convenience Stores Praise Pick to Lead Alcohol Study Committee](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5REGfIcCOcE4BvOpi9pkJixI_n0KmmeUvUPbSyZQH0TrG2Vi8nCDztyXtq_-pOw6GQjz3J0iQDaAnbSxPc6R-LA-3xy2n5scnqgnkdsIbuusj_54yCj8DRrIu3EiNT80p71AU8FLno4ETUuk8bFUxdkWUCEmbVov0ayfytNUkStQJEejZQkGYbAXRBGZWpGvKoqPsJVtPGdY8OslUwVNslTKO9rON3509w4q51VC0GisuojDPeRDm0LFdgqtrzPgklftLFyVXkSJSBaBV8Xcsg49O6Gx8G97YIMFaJ_1y0ctuCT4NXhrGBRDSA1q9VXNeKausGZ-A4Olw=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  The choice of former state Sen. Beverly Gard to lead a commission on overhauling Indiana's alcohol code is drawing praise from at least one side of a heated debate: the gas station and convenience store lobby. The two-year study committee is tasked with finding ways to modernize Indiana's complex rules for the sale of beer, wine and liquor. Legislative leaders want the panel to be free of any ties to the alcohol industry.    **Mississippi Hospitality Beverage Association**  [Mississippi Grocery Store Wine Sales 'Shelved' for Now](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5Rujb15uJOJr0xeVrxNYOehTNNh-ZYMGX9Orl-02wqZUzZDT5874bLjlCoZ4epCrBxifO73fT_eaxTV7RgZrB1qeAMuokRZgvIaReHYTsiWz_CP993pCV_YKxhO9zRAdOS9OvhH49BxE43_BwaCw62JhJsdDH5IKUgi2zFsamWpDUNa_ls_WrBELJo343HffVvDKKBh4aeobbFhKuT8NVuhYntjjrrATKpByuK6xGRCZuGtwaGLZLd6EhQj2PRF8h66y_v3V4O-X1U5ykkk4b0oVadpBqSjYIYpS8IomG8gXKanFUUE3dNIKm69ZAQmS9T6xSpRMOTWqAOYt1JImJsxamrDj_FTRB6YoPEN_2TiYWDWB5No0dBhP0wmn9VqkSj&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Last year, many local wine and spirits store owners were concerned about big box grocery stores having license to sell wine and liquor on their shelves. However, Silver Leaf Wine and Spirits owner Victor Pittman said politicians have "shelved" the issue for the time being. Currently stores like these already have wine on their shelves, but with restrictions. In stores like SAM's, Whole Foods, McDade's, and even in a Winn Dixie on the coast, wine and spirits are sold to shoppers. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROFILE** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [*ABL has partnered with Fintech*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFet0DJBm3j5BYmNhOiNer2uRhsrWvvUMJ_3EKbOh_x3kiMrtATkLRzKVFHrhgvQ6fXZ0EVqcWVhxxbR1mCuwXNrAl_5bVpIE-NyD3cUe_l3cj5_WJGTzdZcGqOP00GcMxs07wOyBlXRgc-gACOy-KTWaDwMUwOwd43ZZnKu4c681jNP_o3Fx8vGr0REgeQmNZf4c0obSP9AfX5xme_CmneNREfTKfQquAcSbjcwb0BxG40WxZTZBzt0zvd2pp-cdOeRxKMs3fMzidVHQKiLb006akDOkIPGBpwJcR7VY8YO7s6yZZhAvkZEmxjhw_XXA1qt6MgYw9F4brtNeoGIumNT1A7R_nxv4SXA==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)*, the leading provider of electronic data and payments solutions to the alcohol industry, to provide a secure, affordable and hassle-free way for ABL members to pay for alcohol deliveries electronically and improve the beverage alcohol purchasing process. Under the program, ABL members are eligible for a discount on Fintech's electronic payment and data solutions systems. For more information, please*[*click here*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFegYJDkNsBOeoLV5B0zqCxnKugeC_bOzW6M4QFqJKeQggjnevnJIS5jymhOrZh5JhH-ej5AEgehuqw_sWmDDH5IXE__PvUbhrjUDuEOQXOkg35XkxBlj00v2-tqkUCFn75C2A9WWWerDl0xD3w5IIQxw-MA9p2TqiZie3OLGNIgZBZn0yCWzIMPn5Ax_lcmUDgBuSjcZ1WIr1n1bAWg-riisdUQjeKQxfszZ9D7AV-eg-sYCzt5vrM6k=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)*.* |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **STATE News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [**Colorado: Marijuana Revenue Surpasses $500 Million**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RurFy9HFZNG8gQmpiAr0MwDpl70GJmMNhOeRnt70TNpY2F5az-272_yC1hqAHiQQ6Ow9wYC_1MMCkc-uvJScgxYuB4OE_5uR_vc-kV1aPuI7JnpvjNJf4IqwVcCfQF8MJILl8J9AiLNX9gK4-Wdnj3zyS4yPfq4V6f-GfskIUHUyv-FTDXNT7-Pcbr4QZ4_h704Q6jMB1_OP_0_iPxGCPLe6rQ5vDFDh6_wHV2q_9XjtyijlgWW0WqgNFAiorOj0wZIm3rctgSoK_MI_8ZCiobX31xedZlze-yiTfDdvFmTUvfQZIDFMEcQ==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Colorado has received more than half a billion dollars in tax revenue from marijuana sales since recreational sales became legal in 2014. The benchmark was made in May, but was analyzed in a report released on Wednesday by VS Strategies in Denver based on publicly available data from the Colorado Department of Revenue. The report shows that the taxes and fees generated by the sales have continued to increase in Colorado. In 2014, sales totaled $76 million. It went up to $135 million in 2015 and $198 million in 2016.    [**Delaware: Drivers Charged with DUI Entitled to Only One Trial**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RV94y3YHWUBOn-Jgo1h5Af7gFpzR4Ws5-Wfu0CpKfjNd2sa6MZQdcTY6VxRq96i7QZUMKW9ljsklWH-wRmgoTRsY8Z-UIJKw4Ww_7FB-GRAEaHgl-gYBom2OUrps-dClxGk1ByGF9pmWGZRdyUdrF78TQb1VgLeZejqRE4I7XJV3h9sOF8GxPcT0jamHkQiEgioc5jvjS4zuvzwXJQXfol1Su6V2pWZq_iPUIzQnwvfZofXHwQb2raOiF2sOy6crEi-5UgQFQeCwPDoVbBx0BfNzy8zSrdSzpQRgv4zSeSV0tTgrP2Yfnz2hPa8Hk5yv9g3fwRZOZpSjOE3INHtfmVg==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Delaware drivers charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence, whether its their first or second offense will now get only a single opportunity for a criminal trial. This is the effect of the General Assembly's late June passage of a measure that targeted a change in state law letting DUI defendants who were found guilty in Justice of the Peace Court to have their case retried on the merits in the Court of Common Pleas.    [**Maine: State to Raise Price of Nips and Other Cheap Spirits**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RkgvXGLB0xZghCuCWyMdsnFNgMoRUQvSfPZMtPG4iSF8qNmBKAiNXeSib1UkgyRYlLJMYZU0ArWJtsE2r4a7hZ3mHU2cMHA11QPnUVaGew_y7iJF7XR8itFzOMYBofBU95zLHHth7KtJMeEP3L5tJidL4oWcSkONIMDNka8Bzg6Yhj66FC4BQdRUL7F-7ke1lj-1BEoJRITkr1x0PmpqR37SsfNSnzRbcSJiwz6UbOG1Sy328dtnmOOsAnxVQnHopwGvjA26ISEDltyhVPVAIe6GwPxAoGRN31QZ_AS32SAb0v5-5oqxzCfZ5luLFil_V71fvmlUHW004t_J6ubnk5y_JtvcWIKMj&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Days after failing to ban the sales of nips, state regulators are imposing a 50 percent price hike on most of the increasingly popular single-sip liquor bottles. A portion of the current price list for spirits in Maine, including the 50-milliliter Fireball Cinnamon Whisky, the bestselling nip in a fast-growing market. Its 99-cent price tag would rise to $1.49 under a new pricing plan announced by liquor regulators. Regulators announced a new plan that would dramatically increase the price of nips as well as many other cheap bottles of spirits on Oct. 1.    [**Maryland: County Liquor Department Loss Estimated at $200K**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RkA8ux7dhXRueON-f16rUEsFfgjKpibDaozplNanRd_jx4vG1oXOkPRJYJvuj-D-1_8pnpmSXkjXmlTNZnvZfA2BloRvdujHLvySn6OHhqjHwk7Q8OFAVA639_nYCb_NZ79S1U-qiqGjebxjoN_P_6BwlwIm9CSzTejB5NJmdefASOopeD-cncMJYx3IwS2E41TvsAYvQzJVOS-eRV_Q0ISTJAL-En-BwoF6hVBN6qJ9cxBdIYJkKbR6vvzMQYKMKN_8ow0rHMK2lxkuho0jTuZkCn_8oAzDJTN60C70zpLK8qXpT9wkchaRTy-NKH3AIhXdZo6ROmik=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  With little fanfare, Worcester's beleaguered Department of Liquor Control quietly went away on July 1, save for one retail outlet still under county control in Pocomoke, and the final tally on the losses were not as bad as anticipated. Worcester County Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, who represents Ocean City, on Monday gave the Mayor and Council a briefing on recent issues in the county germane to the resort.    [**Massachusetts: Casinos Will Be Able to Serve Alcohol Until 4 AM**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RItEr9MdseCSV8s22A1ytlpJio85DXZydIC8gTlsi8vMQ_yv66c01vP1L2GRyIZ-Z4IimOrwy5d5frjP5iBb-wpbD78y6FO01a0gsfvT2KXSfnpcUm7mGKqv4CzvfCWAkSEZfWIj_bRQadkn9s7LagcSAzvnUNFClWWPpMnupc1ymAHMqY30syQxe4UVwLoxPhlnjq6W8z9tGAkHJRGFZgzLELnWhfT4lD6BWgQ8oFnyLtqVNEUfVaEUe7Ipe9rKDrtq3O0a3Rh4fw7Y6APp1YoRTxfvoHHXT23zAu5dbjnsyjIlxU9FlD2SqwnR_y9mQV8FCNhFBwdU=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Soon gamblers will be able to roll the dice and drink liquor until 4 a.m. at Massachusetts casinos. Gov. Charlie Baker just approved the last call time as part of the state's new budget. Under the plan, drinks can be served until 4 a.m. and can start back up again at 8 a.m. Community leaders and police departments say they're against the plan.    [**Massachusetts: Medical Marijuana Users May Be Safe from Employer Discrimination**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RghSWN3-CI28kxXIP5kx6BAIyCDbrRH9trfz3n8d9eFB0_ftkrJUaF8ACOetKoEwbmdnvt0QLE5-FRAvxlLJTMd3q-ScgYO3zQmlA_4jCbHpITXt_hVAgcBHF8mB_UANp3MqMyJ_RFb-5fEkCL-stIWh5zqCrhPyJKtqp8t49rnZYUBBBEyyfi-K1BCRBLzvRQEVLOyhPx0MzxCOy3HsInkelCbiKFhPrwMfGTpjVH_2AiPMuo5AeLqSqVqHv1yqWpmzLYCGrWIh0skCitSzFBIXid8QKegl-QWpkVlM8DBJn0ZuvlrKabaT8ow4CRRF8d31RtIpFXyZAKErhX_6x844b9DBzLIGRXfG20YV7sVoMV9CzAQVxy0XBgPicqa4-8PoFT8fK-QSgy4ar58SlwOF2j6RsHGHMdMfS60GhuJzexTpSzmXbVwBPsC6f78nnQfNLmoWa3Z3PMz7XkbW10R5vrH1rb_e42y8IlKDHE4ED053RfBDEpQ7wjil22VrjNPAekUW9naw=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  On July 17, 2017, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ("SJC") ruled, in Cristina Barbuto v. Advantage Sales and Marketing, LLC, that an employee terminated because of a positive drug test due to lawfully-prescribed medical marijuana use may sue her former employer for handicap discrimination.    [**Massachusetts: Sen. Jason Lewis Supports Alcohol Advertising Prohibition on MBTA**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RyhGncRyE8Tj7mVTZrPSlpTClNSvA4tNYki-lWfRjA4ns7i7YkZRHZwRll5lYi9MfmW7kUDCKnOhIBaUVzRt4X2jlfwTCYR48X-Z5foTkx0hGg9wxH5FRbwoZCuK41jeiAx4WW-c7nkwxDAXHDpphtF3iQtjWlnCBYc1Xl3ZgNCFwPcLYnZDAbe1-WzQMdEnQCZh583zjmm-9atGV8w-bDOq_9eE6o16iwbxojWDY97iGlltSRQ2PoDmyqZ6YjXZ6CB-KyGhMShEGIFawuJxkBAaAl7AySW-Vok1WWVxFW8ZqpjsZFIuvhALcHSwI8fr9elzxKPe1-IwCDJ31xWV4WwQ0yRS3HFuS&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Responding to media reports that senior staff at the MBTA are considering a plan to relax the existing ban on alcohol advertising on the MBTA as a source of revenue, Sen. Jason Lewis, D-Winchester, submitted a letter to the MBTA Fiscal Management Control Board urging them to retain the full prohibition on advertising of alcoholic beverages throughout the MBTA system.    [**Michigan: Liquor Store Owner, Worker Sentenced for $1.3M Food Stamp Scheme**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RoQpxG7C6LO-lztOrSf3uILIqGYLMx0a_1WdZLU9HuW2KS-IKvmzLHsiYJ-WfrO3b1M8xmfL9Ag4Rlu6-hIkVirwWmJmb5VGIFdL5K3BO7yfqJSsVkQhkx3AGY4kI1fCJTEiIIcNTuaDY5eUayODHwX5UK-tFZPh1VMpaErH7LJgr08PBE2pB-9Zl0Yh1uQij3KNlkof3fMbhubB0RJ_7Kl2pThbqqB0cKUFfgz-VbdTZsCULo_qnkrAeqX1D96Gif7A3fUziJoKCaeDjHAsr2VNP9hU8-x2PspwtHMd6JX2ZWzHg3bMzZp93dW3KbyJO&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  A liquor store owner in search the "American dream" and his employee have been sentenced after pleading to charges for their roles in fleecing the federal government in a scheme to purchase food stamp benefits from customers. On Tuesday, July 11, Flint U.S. District Judge Linda V. Parker sentenced Lakhbir "Lucky" Chahal to federal prison and Tony "Paco" Price to probation for their roles in the scheme. The pair each previously pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud.    [**New Hampshire: State Joins Region in Decriminalizing Marijuana**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RUykf8VQLV_8kCHWY6E5A9eBefD435de922muhak31498gUyGmd0ZjQUCbAunctfuRXgdm-awl47G0yhfyU6VSWZDxauYDNqGsZMXjsWiIR0jn7zbJ0lSjr0llQitHJj3O-CrOxZCaArvo2x4uUT6iPTaMwnWEx9Zf2NurnJTzjbFaz-_i-qSWHosrQbvt7xXezmWj2Cxup6QiSUL2NVcqT23vOu6_RZ8YQYa7sTg9kR8aNHl5QVw_HJja86Ue_mtPnTBwypRXls4-00m2AWlASxG2mFhaqculIG1aDstFWbkfSIShxggaikOC4rzsh7FFn3ldwoh6a8FrRKuMfNmm-wfVmtYTQA_&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  New Hampshire has decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana, joining more than 20 states including all of New England in easing criminal penalties on pot. Republican Gov. Chris Sununu on Tuesday signed the bill that reduces the penalty for possession of up to three-quarters of an ounce of marijuana and a much smaller amount - 5 grams - of hashish from a criminal misdemeanor to a civil violation.    [**New Jersey: Breakthru, Allied Beverage to Merge In-State Operations**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RMv_xCuwpJ00Mn36WIWNTzFYTfrj_iohIDUQMgCK27AedAv2SNohjF9hP-u9bKrvQ1BIibRu8GJsmfzA5tsKo9yqf1xMiQuEMeGhg4C3eSwYplKLngNgQv5Capr0boLaKn0FtpxlQQmAi6E1EG30TlZdgei8DhK8Sg9Y2Wx7pRMoFm4LsXnRb-nxrrMlQhskUV7WUWydNFVmh_wpIhIxa-YDQaoxjCazPrbo7WvVl7rxPCDav91JnUaDSlG8C0wKYYomRAgjQzd06DdMNiGBil0YoiDg0Br3JJZmZ6Me15AiWp-vxk3lD2M6YaJZF7gx9hbyCX8RGzErouqVzXMIO_uxumvbPTBoEQvALm5DuD3ifkGmO-HyQtfclvKwRZnH7wGL9QJfEpYY=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Breakthru Beverage has dramatically expanded its footprint in New Jersey by combining with fellow distributor Allied Beverage Group, SND has learned. Allied is New Jersey's largest spirits and wine wholesaler, with revenues projected at $825 million for 2017, according to Impact Newsletter. New Jersey's number-two player is Fedway Associates, at $790 million. Breakthru's subsidiary in the state, Breakthru Beverage New Jersey, is at number-three with projected 2017 revenues of $365 million.    [**Oregon: Shannon Hoffeditz Named OLCC Public Safety Director**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RO2S1qLs1yeAo2Rrx6_D6cgTmLCkaSS7DVXNE7f2SEFKP1ahi4Se2RcZ5X0WTgD-8aJfV3InutpriYIj3sokzFNjrqMTqnrAUBWc-PCp-IdPZLFRr1_PFZY36xHWHtnOk6JLqvP2Jq3oM6zsM_eddmN22U4fhQpWq3mDsHh-7LlcODQtQSbAQN7f9z8bk-IRjUefZ9KXm6769nqhP4iE7KnduN9zzeNdtz0T023glP_d-9simd8A8Fh-vlKHsgbwp1yEVS6T6v_n3lCKsXbqfUHKw0NPDOlC8OH5o79VkwLw5cT2cybQx60TkFV0I_6SxRXt3W2wPY3igvrbZCQhBkxsPU3mrmR5r&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Shannon Hoffeditz has been promoted to Director of Public Safety for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. In this position, she manages OLCC's enforcement of liquor and marijuana laws. The Public Safety Director works with licensees, law enforcement, and community stakeholders to support businesses, public safety and community livability through education and the enforcement of liquor and marijuana laws.    [**Oregon: 2017 Changes to State Liquor Laws**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RjhKG7QEbaES53k9Dyi0u7q3iudmFqBR6xmpq34dRd0Fp1J7KdzRdcQpCX4usaaFrFbahtA4MLRPdAs0lB5lug16kcKAgKDhvX4KksypQB1sPX0sloE3kwIJUZZ2LNy5nsUjECHKlfVipx8BZSFuMQ-hUfMmlVk_h4_K7QTY_kFHHwwvYQX0Eyp1pA8FQ44alDolZLNH968nrTaKAhBlYfrlUzo3UTOTKqXKWueTNLiMemG701rRTBs_TKziAwDZezmxmLjhQpl24pzIOS0zJTCsEsRYNqaVaN9iPZnb-96c57NJPwWfhrzi36Ur5hm0PnkK_Gbr5MnlK3eXh9i49tXGur7zm2hLAlzWWbclLNMc=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Since the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session convened on February 1, 2017, the Legislature has introduced a variety of bills that impact the Oregon alcohol and beverage industry. Out of the countless proposed bills, five have already been signed by the Governor and will go into effect this year or early 2018 and may impact your business. Following is a summary of those bills.    [**South Dakota: What Vehicle's Apply to DUI Laws; More Than Just Your Car**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RS5fQ4XidCFaXvF53RZ6hC5lM8VkoiDy_gPfjooLNKVimRxerATYhZSvtTEh6hn_QfrfTK_uLC3UeCp1rMKcprCZC_q4MpcAWzW-XsiHpQ_IQSj2DZ2bzidYOIDvGbPPrzunbDQxe_noPUYLUiamlB0M3R31KywL-u7xZVoYGWX_5rQkQJ2Huq5fU6Wc7Z7pc3vDUcCD4CN0p2X84YGhnAtaQQOJlFxQPNm2hzfRCz3Yvoao2rqyYYoHwjLjCmBHXRaWcG_IK3x-CLFgQHyu_vRjm_f4pDaxPRnf6rf3I8whb0w5y46w21A==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  After a man on a bike ended up behind bars this week facing DWI charges this week people are left wondering how far the law stretches surrounding DUI's. We hear the warnings about drinking and driving, but that doesn't just mean in a car or truck. Under the North Dakota Code of Conduct, anything with a motor is seen as a vehicle. Something even as common as a golf cart can be susceptible to DUIs.    [**Tennessee: Lawmaker Hopes Vertical Driver's License Reduces Underage Alcohol Sales, but Will It?**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RhkRawgXIeIqXKWdK0VqgwIQsvLY_M-EnodIUqFp2fY-gYapFjlUbvIJ7trjTRUXCYEp-21w4DEBoMMdElxXi9gFA42yUkiyMwAcaqBmFbTLc9TBQ4pLAWoPwgU3h4OABMTwjPulLBNBpfJxCRVuT9uBMxL1pdu6Rg9EHUIhvfczTrK2gIcrB5i1UvAaCRiDWb0dABF7DNupUBcKHN3edC3gq504nbbHRKbU8wIgDyXFvMJRhUgsxSTXHup3zv6vlUJyoYMkhhR6rn6UHiTL1zKkt7lLFp2eiwJ6OFk5Fx7Ml2Abh0lvouMI134_SJPs9xEwgNZaauZwsTVLE9uSFVsKS5aLcKyHbLbQEC209hcAFDM2B18MfDMOk5RyfiOmqVFreMfE1vUTQ0J22pnHV8VaxH2t__8it&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Nearly everyone, it seems, supports the concept of a vertically-oriented driver's license to help alcohol sellers quickly identify an underage person. But does the idea actually work? By this time next year, or July 2018, all licenses issued to minors in Tennessee will be in a vertical format. The law is not retroactive, so underage drivers now licensed will not have to obtain a new one.    [**Texas: Licensing Director Is Seventh Official Out at Troubled Texas Liquor Agency**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5Rg-ub0QuaTr_DKeVzUGTI1Hp7ZuzaQDIXNG79INt9OvwyaFlBF9t8eYRGN7cwt7oFNIN6Mh4rBKM9-OM5xlZKqHvg9atE1uoUMd9d2AEFrhVFPgyT4h0pYOCc1y-DNJ9V0nj6Sl5vgsSNqM-RbuToQ6Tj8s2euEPN71U8n41ieC-SIN4mO0LVRWwIet6fKQhad9Hs187i9cD4rwl6UNl9fCgv3bqAvQhJsWGTtUeJjnqMt_cK7k9GB2c5CXCtCX7_TfEsAvmydCAPYxD7XE3APyCXGg7cbGtZCZdgQgCeJ0s=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Licensing Director Amy Harrison is the seventh official out at the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission since April. TABC spokesman Chris Porter said Friday that Harrison "separated" from the agency Wednesday. Jo Ann Joseph, previously the deputy director of licensing, will act as licensing director until a decision is made about Harrison's permanent replacement, Porter said.    [**Utah: Lawmakers Say They're in No Hurry to 'Fix' .05% DUI Law**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RxfDpu6v6slEKNKb6vV4E6UOuOoLzv4QrIsbWuJN7qIlbGKYiL_QWvSOxQWoF3UkhhNSWFUJYFuLtLAb1mKg9rusCv5tEe5awHukpwyJaDFglmBoYQGIYraqozGpI7oCDFeytCCuiT4a7FjLp4c32zpbll0mk1ocvhH-X5aWJ-ujd647JFiBK7jJHvdZTIDTMX-MEZ0hkkSWkSm88CJWVHUB2QCFHOQJ5DJifN6y6nNCDcdPJl-o7neCNCRSIQByndqu0tjgxc26EV7nDP27kr1PKZzhQfRaiI0dyBncmpXsKMvJ3671Vgr-2eujyK65Ez6bDRLB9Lr5QF0h9FfW7mcdOKJCHG_HP4e4c0CnkfR5YvXQfFBRXNg==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  When the controversial 0.05 percent DUI bill passed the end of the 2017 Legislature, Gov. Gary Herbert signed it into law saying he'd call a summer special session - perhaps in July - to revisit the whole issue of drinking and driving in Utah. Well, the July legislative interim day will pass next week without such a special session.    [**Virginia: Costly Regulations Force Out-of-State Expansion for Silverback Distillery**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5R8MuRAXlOPlnhA5iXCILyuo7IoKlSBcOnIkJHredRSTQimis8ePYMBuzf90dpRvrtPYZ2zUAF1dIoAaj1fv8sloyhLBMBJJLNzM59VeTyG7jYr5pYuozGNmCSs6H0MnGlRTKMpNbRbKAGhZ6RRzo-flDMQvMOsUGC77EHOLz2DFypn75RAgb4fEHJI-LY0Go4BQq_K6DTiD5bBxgMqdb0pcEBJZJ7IdAyW7zv4IuYcI_7mrya1y9KplrOv9BsPQL1Mbel3PaYB3UoNacMstsxydzZKm_R9if5BKj2PXepKzTfch_M2SMJl0pNf4D-iIP4Zz3KC2weL4O_2LjzJrxw5sOC0IwVJFkacCwWZHPJDIISCvP8Y64rlw==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  From the outside, Silverback Distillery blends in with the many wineries, cideries, and microbreweries along Route 151. "I honestly thought just by my goodness, wit, and niceness, that somehow we could change laws that were blatantly cronist," said Denver Riggleman, co-owner of Silverback Distillery.    [**Washington: Ad Makeover for State's Marijuana Industry**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RsqRnzsr1zE-11WnQGaKLXiBKwcjqb_icfkKjXrjXSJNGZAJ0Zc7u7mm2u_h0eXNXDjkJh8tOYbjF3Cm0zZqSZR8UNz8IS2S87nKICF7_890_NoMnBMU-BInx3ivxJ-8EFp9od59BdHbksX7yZ5beVJlDI9D7fsfTJtRBQRASrGv4Kq7G-WBr0biTH6eyc9N5qBLqjEDU4DSY_i1lCVu82FqOLexUkFmtwaCF2E6C68pvNI6EO5RFd6etegHTj5Efej1XOkTf7B5VrwnTFTCAp-q-SS2bCdxkfqVd6SDxiAK6KyrLWpfTcQ8fnfth4hJw&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  SoDo pot shops have already begun changing out signs and billboards - bracing for the impacts of a new law that goes in effect on Sunday. "No sandwich boards, no flags, no sign spinners - the things people are putting value judgments on that they find unappealing or gross," said Oscar Velasco-Schmitz, co-owner of Dockside Cannabis.    [**Wisconsin: "Ghost Legislation' Has Craft Brewers and Others Stirred Up**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RLjhuVuasr0oiMJ6wJhMk0q9QcLcKYrU5OmTHLF1I0AuFIYFGNO7BkM_e0fDXv1U4pBy7zsicxulJpgP83qncJPQGUDrh8mAYCjY9F0dvJL6Vb0Z668_qlnjDA42q1t5y3OiqK1kR4LL0sRmc-mHiDyx-4mQz0XuybYdgleUbAJwtvgWIiX_JUYTqKfwbKQ51R48B7ZWVr_ee3NK8MZodTWRzquEWyq9Rn2_6Orq9HrbFme4t2Hl_7rHoNxIrXw1X6NDq7ZDucrAfHEi_9XHw5ruG6ECOFP8NP4IFhMIvwQWKm88XrcOtdIW2sDC7c23H&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  A piece of legislation rumored to be inserted by the state legislature's finance committee into the state's 2017-19 budget has those in the local Wisconsin craft brewery, winery and distilling business somewhat concerned. On the home page for the website of the Wisconsin Brewers Guild is an open letter to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and the state legislature by the organization's president, William Glass. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **ASSOCIATE MEMBER PROFILE** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [*ABL and Intellicheck Mobilisa have joined in a new partnership*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFeoLXwXmwQ1QI0Wb_DOi6IJuNabiZ4wYnyalTPIhnz2EomatahO3Pzhr6AVbY1EzO6Q0bqBM1X7pvF-VUy2_ucIEIqn6H_jMkTL7NPhNqNkSO6Mwu0CkoWujNsPCM50Klu4INjYLEqIItkPLhG9g-UP8TJTq1yFZ7V79xdD1MEbsgTIOUPsF4oVA3TNEHXaBGQ336UllnN3CDWf437iRXz6slU0G4wnrQ8ieA2jbAs0pBPAtU8By4KsXZr71bREZfvUCfwc9kpwZFTSHO-3Ssmi6GCtaGS2UdPTnakFWl3Bjsv6ZKA0JK2BB-zeGWpswQ9M8q9ktJHc57w5r8rd3brxQImEIvQsV1E7AtpOlRCWNUUXvI6KlIaCakppAB9L6cjx7lPg5G3yLd9-lKWE3qP77Z61pG9CZafA==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)*to address the ongoing issue of underage access to alcohol. Building on ABL's many efforts to support responsible, age-restricted beverage retailing, Intellicheck is offering its Age ID™ solution to improve customer service and ensure compliance with state regulatory laws by instantly authenticating a customer's identity and age via a mobile device or integrated with a point of sale instrument. The ability to spot fake or altered identification and to positively verify a consumer's age in real time provides ABL members with a valuable solution for keeping alcohol out of underage hands.  For more information, please*[*click here*](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFelORyLcg_umcJy_dJcvIUrYtbfsoW9_uOLxjLjdjJi_Jy2UPAlkq7f4EXiMBfYucDa1-f_-zhVcDpGZXc89Ycv2fJ7qmKktfTA1Z7j3eQXsSJKQFth8QDv-h39_lLqmCRqwHGYTUTT7BkmHxnkERrnlEamhKca3YbvgyJ1IIFcelVawVotYozVPaO2_pQVLz0ih3jogIVnXl9WyRd9nU_byHK5WII3Kv_ZW2GlhLjjTM6-sxCn5v8cfpjKPbPeD-nG5ZKBwR6iJB&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)*.* |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/spacer.gif | **BUSINESS & LIFESTYLE News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | [**Beer Remains the Preferred Alcoholic Beverage in the U.S.**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RsHFQ_dAivBNBWM7zWa6jMsjfRK-hpK563VbNwyIb9DjMPh6CPUqwUAPJaV3ZBlQh5WpEHin1S0uGcCK5LixLPaH4v7J3ZP6y-EYYIciCJ9QW-pQSsOgtm9frt2zHSYuHR8zzoRawgWctkqkaxPZ471wsg5FFhH7Tk-hcx7Z1mMDaODaiekmCn1HjFg7iabYOP8ofnz1vJyLxIrSpQCIFhbiA068trWdxLvz8LtgCBawJTZAk61znFTRDzw7bwBS55cbzFeF57ERyqcIuInau31y4MnlJW4au8ofK648ZPMaUDzzavVGNMA==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Americans who drink alcohol continue to say they most often choose beer (40%) over wine (30%) and liquor (26%). Beer has typically been the preferred alcoholic beverage in Gallup's trend. The latest results are from a July 5-9 update of Gallup's annual Consumption Habits poll. Gallup has found that beer is most popular among men; this year, 62% of male drinkers say they prefer beer, compared with 19% of female drinkers. Less-educated and middle-income Americans also tend to choose beer.    [**AB InBev to Buy Energy-Drinks Maker Hiball for Undisclosed Terms**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RSYtO0fiph7CBNiwsRije9WgjrLHguRATTYujcwXiYPSezLnruaAl6TUNjI0v2Hlh9qd6B8Wa4YQmJJKR6X25hv_atvVhYx4OjPQsENYsQYI_UGbvCaF1ixX2h9tElC0oFUxWsNMfxJ0VWAj0U2L5vnsMmcJYFbBk90kfJTCekmUt-py5lbef4fo54-lDM237Gf9cuHIxh4z3U3lTdbQb1f3vqV50fSLHrEVlQDrap6Mel_wyFv5UfWBE5TGxj3V9ZPLs6E1uw6n_5PhSmRFhu5bme1wpalovZlpcRDDeiGP33ZJDsogeahMRgQDtjXyXjo8jKYM98DyBzpKBnqa5eDrBglQEu0geUmDgnm8s2tk=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Just as the soda giants are going after startups making healthy, non-alcoholic fizz, so too is Anheuser-Busch InBev. After signing a deal last year with Starbucks Corp. to sell ready-to-drink tea, the world's largest brewer on Thursday said it is acquiring Hiball Inc., a San Francisco-based company making organic energy drinks and carbonated juices and water. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed.    [**The Best and Worst Alcoholic Drinks for Your Waistline, Ranked by Calories**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RNgmCHVks-pL4LwjMP0jHVHQDZZ6wR7Jis4-v9Sgi_oIHVjgUR4BBe2XqyjjZFT_lTJ7mkWNzsr1Ln7JYXY5GyMGxfqAvoJtMcGWfpSeaRQ8fQzC6HNacSbWrZttWbfgSca_4pliFA72O_rjqOVegqwhx4qX-3gLZuQ7gvA3gNn_nRY7Jzjh4NMojZtNDzQK9XpaBBMnZhX2qKWGJpSUB1TBC4C7D2yVGYRi0Quzjy4O09xDWYEA6rVdayHYvMwkDQlwyg5YjoMnw7xl0sJgEphIB-ayg1OyzNJPbhKJjTkVwBCv8Q8L4cQ==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Before you rush out to happy hour, we have some very important information for you. All those half-off drinks you plan on imbibing come with a side of calories, and some of them more than others. Not such a happy hour after all, is it? If you're hoping to drink smarter (or at least less calorically) this summer, you've come to the right place. We set out to find how many calories are found in wine, beer and popular spirits, and we've broken it down for you below.    [**The Top 10 Spirits Brands on Social Media**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RlqMb09Lp6qqGB9ZYH3UOrPWh1gn4D9XU5gBMQt-XUuoHY5S1NyfSYvmxFHPxXrvRqdihtEjSBlGoUE1K2ieeWkNtwK02gLiF-6itOTYjxDshyudI1yElxHzLdY3BUoQVA4N7NLZpV_olLt2Vhp36v1RC1KQDpieL8U2awZECgbKl4G0W6P0M3tbpGUHpfov9TAzmz-MaQHvNZ5NhAimiT_LawmgC7UT8SzKQ3FGWsWc60o77MiZrKLy1tl7ILGI_qA6gL_wzI42e8CYk3xOQzagsA9By9kfSnnZxw7ctMcdVEe6XyD_H7Mw_Bh92uhjf&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Promoting alcohol responsibly to the right audience with vivid and effective content can be logistically challenging to say the least. Which brands ruled the digital sphere and grew consumer loyalty in the process last year? Historically, mastering social media has been far from easy for the drinks industry - but when executed well, social provides unparalleled opportunities for brands to engage with their target audience.    [**Property Developers Push for Open Drinking on City Streets**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RQmfHBWYlwOepSi8-ZOGROBSImO96xJJNfDwOVwmc857CYfpf-tqpHVLHYMghHhA4Otc5Z9D1qJW-_XGSKtKi01GNFwDkvsULs1KlkPkojGgF8exUBwT5edyxP7qubiyeohKM5FJ3wuOS9cxxHdYaQjSeaXKw3TyuPHFK7kzZnyF4Xpfpw93fj1bEC4bKSLHa6xqf-_XC4Jz4mMpTatknnR2eEzqqqAMEMWms9vc4izyY93_9bOA6stZP2-9j59yVBg53l7CxBs96Rvhr7LVFxQ17E6s0mGgtONN2rMXJHa2xK6wIzlxddgGsy_GZoqyGWcurppnd_7Y=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)  Property developers trying to create buzz for open-air shopping districts are lobbying regulators to relax rules to allow patrons to walk around streets and parks with alcoholic beverages. As landlords hustle to get customers into their properties, they are looking to tap into demand for food-and-drink experiences. The hope: that lively atmospheres will encourage patrons to linger and shop. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/spacer.gif | **DISTRIBUTION News** | | https://imgssl.constantcontact.com/letters/images/1101093164665/alumnievents-crnr.gif |  | | **Indiana:**  [Scarlet Lane Brewing Company Announces Distribution Expansion in Indiana](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5R6LEKnpi8Wfg4YXtj4OsWDUPITI9uDpk7AIUTVwr-7ERfuFOeMFxIaahBbRrX2YYdQ6b2MYzIaWI1lb1-XFrrCEtZGx9UP5D2MJQ-xduyAFiar6qWEWFuY5ZWEugn7UB0BBYvh2BsuuGfjO-vJNpnnkR5cH5Jgf04h_L4LiXyZ6_v_P9eH34mgHZYMZVSlpbhuVKpabxv9zbXPU-Ce0fyL8zp6JON1jF5mBVKGU3H0gapymvKaWy4pMSzdfdgXOjr-CNooYU62p0m8wBci_sDqKh24u3pbmI-v6_h8MOIcW8LzZjY5ub9Zg8Pdw1HjriCXTdMAvHwqbGEUvusiGRs2A==&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)    **Utah:**  [Mother Earth Brew Co. Expands Distribution Statewide in Utah](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5REbOrk8IiEVUy3ISOpFyJZnJqqHTP1apKLAvxzLMRzhmpoNEEManRfCV5ViEhfLo0KogED4U3qhf5GweA42QDEBZFyFrYMUndeIgEWjxL7HKXJR04rxSi3aqw-N0dP--F3iDHpyVi-sffbtWQOv5A-IJAXfCK3M1kqBtgQtLa3B7lb0TC-9_DS9ra6QnD8dW95br10O8wWH8RMDKhIGBfulKgtOBuKHu9Q83Yj-hiXbvJ9BnYl2b1TUiUJEZOQgdxui-E8_3-boh9qU8HNbMAdhp0I-zfbohIPtsnKs-CBf0zT8CxW_-opf8Sydg_YZO6&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==)    **Virginia:**  [Prairie Artisan Ales Expands Distribution to Virginia](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001WKVUTeoQOivLvmmmbXf8nQugRZD8ThTWKWjEJIseoLDGhAmkQAkFer3FLJFhbz5RMWU2bU0ts6aIEO6mjTrXvXFbpJ-Mdeb6ROrBRoUJ0TmdI3fIon8GODXhzbdxYFEanb3xK6lV5O-hW9Jn1XHa2oUL7rcgEbAMDRAzxbLT_WJPr2dZg7BxqooDcqYU807JeTMsaFcsL8qRW7nBQNJ5LyHnv1USVU_IMXzpYUfd5040cSH4NrQTEF3YCWgGXROx6WnVSuc5V9RDfzmuIG55UY8OfEt-Rly1q2cKoOONIXM5j-vHFvaW0R0X-NPWrDhtsbqBNGDwRfYjNkUz9J03kxcIKl9kJnnE5ZrwRcywXVk=&c=KmgJ4XKwNvbgY8_QadTyJVR0ljFhpWaUv6tO83SV5PvXpohkDnzEDA==&ch=KSNlJ6JmoSCGGpLUvmfdQ-wT0TT7pBBpRPnhnaFRB_kgX6GFj4vOZw==) | | |