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re: PLCB RAMP Proposed Regulation, IRRC # 3093

The uniqueness of our state's liquor code is well known and often a source of debate in the legislature and the media.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board was correct in adding the Responsible Alcohol Management Program to its' repertoire of alcohol education initiatives in 2001. Our Commonwealth licensees are held to a higher standard than the majority of other states in understanding complex liquor industry rules and regulations. Our licensed business owners are swiftly penalized if found to not be strictly adhering to the law.

Any owner of one of our thousands of licensed businesses commits themselves, their employees, and their properties to a multi-faceted process in order to become RAMP certified. Upon becoming RAMP certified, it is expected by the business owner that he/she and their staff who completed the process be well versed on PA laws in relation to their industry and in maintaining safety of their patrons.

At any given time, there are tens of thousands of Pennsylvania citizens employed at our licensed businesses. I have no issue with the liquor board saving scarce tax dollars by using third party approved trainers to teach one standard curriculum for the Server/Seller portion of RAMP. Many individuals and some small businesses have chosen to apply and go through the process of becoming a RAMP Server/Seller classroom instructor or approved online educational course. It is my understanding that any individual or business can develop a course based on the PLCB curriculum, submit it for approval, and upon being approved begin teaching the course. I just don't see the need or the upside to this regulation being approved. I do, however, envision issues with incorrect information and confusion amongst our small businesses this program was designed to educate.

Pennsylvania having one standard curriculum that the PLCB maintains and updates with new regulations and liquor code laws passed by the Legislature should be expected.

Senator Rich Alloway

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