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May 11, 2015

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
Attn: Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel
Room 401, Northwest Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17124-0001

Re: Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
Proposed Regulation #54-79: Responsible Alcohol Management Program

Thank you for submitting the Proposed Regulation #54-79: Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP). As the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Law and Justice Committee, I am pleased that the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is providing additional training options for alcohol service personnel through the proposed regulations. I am supportive of Senator Rafferty's co-sponsorship memo and legislation to address the issue of certifying training providers who train alcohol service personnel.

I am writing today to support the recommendations made by Health Communications, Inc. (TIPS) to the Liquor Control Board's proposed regulations referenced in the comments submitted. I believe they strengthen the regulations by clarifying the certification process and ensure that there will be no confusion on the part of applicants as to elements necessary to receive certification. More specifically, the requirement that the Board respond in a set period of time and in writing will establish an outline explaining where an applicant may be deficient so that they can resubmit and be successfully approved. These changes also clarify and permit trainers to exceed what is required by the Board and encourage enhanced training opportunities in Pennsylvania. Below you will find the recommendations in red.

§ 5.211. Course of study for alcohol service personnel. (TIPS Suggested Changes in Red)

- (a) A standard curriculum for the course of study will be provided by the BAE.
- (b) The BAE is authorized to review curriculum submitted by another training provider and to certify such curriculum if it is equivalent to or exceeding the BAE's standard curriculum.
 - (1) In the event that the training provider's curriculum is not equivalent to or does not exceed the BAE's standard curriculum, the BAE shall advise the training provider in writing within sixty days of receiving the curriculum as to all subjects where the training provider's curriculum is deficient.

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(2) The training provider shall have the opportunity to correct and resubmit its curriculum no more than two (2) times.

(3) If the training provider's curriculum is still deficient after the second and final resubmission, the BAE will not accept any submissions or resubmissions from the training provider for a period of one (1) year from the date that the BAE sent notification to the training provider that the second resubmission was deficient.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I look forward to the establishment of these regulations and the additional training opportunities it will provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Brewster".

Senator Jim Brewster
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