ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY REGARDING RECORKING OF WINE


Prior to the signing of this Act, only § 12 restaurant and hotel licensees were permitted to “recork” customers’ unfinished bottles of wine so that patrons could remove them from the licensed premises. As of October 20, 2016, this Act expands which § 12 licensees may “recork” wine to not only restaurants and hotels, but taverns, clubs, and war veterans’ organizations as well.

Section 12 licensees that are permitted to “recork” unfinished bottles of wine for patrons are reminded of the requirements under § 12 and 204 CMR 2.18, including that each bottle of partially consumed wine must be purchased by a patron *in conjunction with the ordering of a meal*. Furthermore, only one bottle of partially consumed wine may be packaged per patron, and the licensee must package the wine in accordance with 204 CMR 2.18.

As a reminder, all licensees must ensure that they are in compliance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that sale of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by applicable law.

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