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THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION ADVISORY

**NO ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (EBT) CARDS
USED AS PAYMENT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

The Department of Transitional Assistance has asked us to remind all licensees that effective July 28, 2011, alcoholic beverages licensees may not accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards as payment for purchases of alcoholic beverages. In addition, eligible recipients of direct cash assistance must not use direct cash assistance funds for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Please remember that under Massachusetts General Laws chapter 138, §64, all licensees must comply with all laws of the Commonwealth, including this new law that can be found at General Laws chapter 18, §5J. Furthermore, the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission require that a licensee cannot permit any illegality to occur in or on the licensed premises. E.g., 204 C.M.R. 2.05(2) to wit: General Laws chapter 18, §5I, §5J.

Individuals with questions concerning this Advisory may contact the ABCC at 617-727-3040 x 31 or the Department of Transitional Assistance at 617-348-8500.

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