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**THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY**

Informational Advisory:  
SPECIAL LICENSES  
Operated At Municipal Golf Courses

The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC”) recently amended its regulation on Special Licenses issued pursuant to General Laws chapter 138, section 14 (commonly referred to as “1-day licenses”). This amended regulation increases the number of days on which sales of alcoholic beverages may be made only at a Municipal Golf Course.

Generally, the regulation at 204 C.M.R. 7.04 limits the number of days that a Special License may authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages to not more than 30 days in the aggregate per calendar year per location per applicant.

Effective July 8, 2011, a Special License for a Municipal Golf Course may permit sales on an aggregate of not more than 245 days in any calendar year, in or from any municipally owned building that is operated in conjunction with an 18-hole regulation golf course.

According to information published by the Inspector General’s Office, many municipal golf courses across Massachusetts are eligible for this new opportunity available to the local licensing authorities as of Friday, July 8, 2011. With this expanded permission, the ABCC gives the local licensing authorities an additional choice in maximizing the value returned from a municipally owned golf course.

Both the general limitation of 30 days, as well as the new exception for a Municipal Golf Course, are available on the ABCC website: [www.mass.gov/abcc](http://www.mass.gov/abcc) (<http://www.mass.gov/abcc/regs/reg2040704.htm>).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions by calling Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at 617-727-3040 \*31. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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