# DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL 


#### Abstract

MISSION The Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control operates under the direction of the State Liquor Authority, a three member board appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Division regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State; issues licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers; works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; and regulates trade and credit practices for the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.


## ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The Division's organization includes three functional areas: Administration, Licensing and Compliance. Administration includes the Offices of the Chairman of the Authority, the Chief Operating Officer, Government Affairs, Communications and other traditional administrative functions. Licensing includes the Licensing Bureau which is responsible for processing new and renewal license applications, in addition to the Wholesale Bureau which administers price schedules and trade practices. Compliance includes the Office of Counsel, as well as the Enforcement and Hearing Bureaus.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 . 6}$ million in funding for the Division. This is an increase of $\$ .5$ million other funds from the 2007-08 Enacted Budget, and primarily reflects personal service, fringe benefit and indirect costs adjustments, as well as a one time increase to fund a review of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law. The Division is funded with revenue generated from fees and fines.

The Executive Budget recommends a staffing level of 165 FTE, which is unchanged from the 2007-08 Enacted Budget.

Budget Initiative:

- Review of Alcoholic Beverage Control law: The budget recommends \$200,000 to be suballocated to the State Law Revision Commission. These resources will support the Commission's statutorily mandated study of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law. A final report of recommended changes to the law is due in September of 2008.


## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Staff assigned to the Licensing Program will continue efforts to process permits and licenses in a timely manner. These steps, in addition to a more user-friendly information technology infrastructure, and sustained public outreach efforts, will ensure that the Division is viewed as responsive and transparent.

The Division will also continue to enhance its compliance activities during 2008-09. The expansion of the Rapid Enforcement Unit in 2007-08 and growing partnerships with local law enforcement agencies, including those in the Division of Criminal Justice

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Services' Operation IMPACT program, will continue to have a positive impact on the public's health and safety. The Division will also continue to investigate complaints and the Authority will conduct hearings to ensure that permit and license holders who violate the State liquor law receive appropriate penalties.


| STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2008-09 RECOMMENDED (dollars) |  |  |  |  |
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| Program | Amount | Change | Persona Amount | Change |
| Administration | 4,766,000 | 239,000 | 1,299,000 | 109,000 |
| Compliance | 7,606,000 | 200,000 | 4,489,000 | 143,000 |
| Licensing and Wholesaler Services | 5,184,000 | 79,000 | 3,073,000 | 98,000 |
| Total | 17,556,000 | 518,000 | 8,861,000 | 350,000 |
| Nonpersonal Service |  |  |  |  |
| Program | Amount | Change |  |  |
| Administration | 3,467,000 | 130,000 |  |  |
| Compliance | 3,117,000 | 57,000 |  |  |
| Licensing and Wholesaler Services | 2,111,000 | $(19,000)$ |  |  |
| Total | 8,695,000 | 168,000 |  |  |

