



Village of Richton Park

February 9, 2015

Dear Liquor License Holder:

Re: BASSET Training Under Public Act 98-0939

This letter is to inform you of recent changes in the law that effects establishments that serve alcoholic beverages.

Public Act 98-0939 requires that all alcohol servers in Cook County must obtain and complete BASSET training from a certified BASSET trainer by July 1, 2015, or within 120 days after the alcohol server begins his or her employment as an alcohol server, whichever is later. The alcohol servers who must have BASSET training includes:

All persons who sell or serve open containers of alcoholic beverages at retail and anyone whose job description entails the checking of identification for the purchase of open containers of alcoholic beverages at retail or for entry into the licensed premises.

This definition includes all persons who sell or handle open containers of alcohol on the premises of a retail liquor licensee. PA 98-0839 does not cover volunteers who serve alcoholic beverages at a charitable function. PA 98-0839 also does not apply to special event liquor retailers, i.e., retailers with a special event liquor license.

Under PA 98-0839, proof that an alcohol server has been trained must be available upon reasonable request by law enforcement officials, including agents of the Local Liquor Control Commissioner. The Local Liquor Control Commissioner, and his agents including the Village of Richton Park Police Department, can enter upon the premises of any liquor license establishment at any time to determine whether their servers are in compliance with the BASSET training requirement. This means that a local retail liquor dealer must have the training certificates available on the licensed premises to demonstrate that the servers working on the premises have the required training certificate. It is important to remember, however, that servers have 120 days after they begin their employment to demonstrate that they have met this requirement under PA 98-0839.

You can check the internet for BASSET training or utilize the below listed link to find a convenient location for you and/or your staff:

<http://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Education/Pages/BASSET/Training-Class-Directory.aspx>

Or for further information contact:

Illinois Liquor Control Commission, Chicago Office
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
100 W. Randolph Street, 7-801, Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 814-2206, Fax: (312) 814-2241

Respectfully,

Rick Reimold

Chair, Richton Park Liquor Commission