



CAPITAL REGION SMART

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

S.4446 (Boyle) / A.5920 (Steck)

AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to limiting the authority of the state liquor authority to penalize licensees based on perceived violations of the laws of other states, unless the conduct in question amounts to an independent violation of the alcoholic beverage control law or has resulted in a criminal conviction in another state

The Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber supports S.4446 / A.5920 which would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to clarify the State Liquor Authority's (SLA) legal authority to enforce what it perceives the laws of other states require concerning any New York State issued license or permit. The bill provides that the SLA cannot make any judgment as to the requirements of any other state as to a particular licensee/permittee until such licensee/permittee has exhausted its due process rights in such other state. This clarification is necessary in order to ensure that both the regulator and the licensee understand what the law specifically requires.

The alcoholic beverage industry is an important component of our economy. Recently, the state's efforts to promote New York's wine, beer and spirit's industries are commendable. In fact, Governor Cuomo has hosted several summits for the beer, wine, spirits, and cider industry. Those summits resulted in a significant effort to eliminate regulatory red tape and create incentives for the strong growth of the industry. Likewise, any effort to provide this vital industry with additional regulatory clarity and enforcement predictability is welcomed.

For these stated reasons, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber recommends the passage of this legislation.

Founded in 1900, the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber, with 2,200 members who employ more than 110,000 citizens from throughout the Capital Region, is a proactive advocate for policies and projects that will improve the business climate and enhance the economic vitality of the Capital Region. From grassroots development, direct lobbying, and coalition building, the Regional Chamber is at the forefront of building and influencing a future full of opportunity.

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