



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

DATE: March 15, 2021

FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing  
Supervisor

RE: Licensing Report

### Staff Changes

I am happy to announce that on February 22, 2021 Kristina Serezhenkov started her new position as an Occupational Licensing Examiner. She comes to us from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, as an OLE for the Nursing Board. Kristina immediately picked up on the various and sometimes complicated nuances of the alcohol license renewal process and is making quite a dent in the renewal application backlog.

Randi Baker, has transitioned from alcohol to marijuana application review and is working closely with Jacquene Drulis, our seasoned marijuana licensing examiner. Olivia Frank and Nate Hall continue to work hard processing all forms of alcohol license applications.

Jennifer Dufresne continues to be our AMCO's backbone. We simply would not be able to do what we do without her.

### Alcohol Application Statistics

#### Renewals

Expiration letters were sent via certified, return receipt mail and email on March 5, 2021 in accordance with AS 04.11.540. Our office expired just over 50 licenses for not submitting the renewal application by the deadline. Surprisingly, last year we expired approximately 70 licenses and in 2019, 80 licenses were expired.

There are approximately 920 licenses that are due to renew for the 2021-2022 cycle. To date, 460 renewals have been deemed complete and/or considered by the ABC Board, including the 195 renewals that are on today's agenda. Unfortunately, we still have a backlog of about 470 renewals to be reviewed and deemed complete by an examiner.

For comparison, at the March 31, 2020 board meeting, there were 460 renewals on that agenda and there were less than 100 renewal applications that were still pending review/completion after that meeting.

#### New/Transfer Applications

Since January 1, 2021 to the date of this report, we have received a total of 48 new and transfer applications. For comparison, in 2020 AMCO received 39 new and transfer applications within the

same timeframe.

Currently there are 46 new and transfer applications in the queue waiting for review by an examiner.

**Based on the information presented here, I respectfully request that the Board discuss the necessity of scheduling a special board meeting at the end of April to consider as many new, transfer and renewal applications as possible before the summer season begins for the industry.**

### **Waivers**

AMCO has received approximately 155 AB-29: Waiver of Operation applications for the calendar year 2020 and I suspect there will be more. To compare, in the calendar year 2019, AMCO received and considered about 23 waiver applications.

### **Permit Application Statistics**

Since January 1, 2021 to the date of this report, AMCO received 26 permit applications and out of that total, issued approximately 24 permits. In 2020 during the same time frame, 60 permit applications were submitted to our office and we issued approximately 53 permits.

### **Reminders**

Licensing questions/concerns/applications may be submitted via email to [alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov](mailto:alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov), except for fingerprints and payments, or you may call 907-269-0350 and follow the necessary prompts.

Permit questions/concerns/applications may be sent to [amco.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.permits@alaska.gov) or you may call 907-269-0350 and follow the necessary prompts.

AMCO staff continues to work diligently to keep wait times as short as possible, but please keep in mind that applicants may experience a longer waiting period due to the current backlog.