



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board DATE: July 13, 2020
FROM: Carrie Craig, Records and Licensing RE: Waiver of Operation
Supervisor

At a previous ABC Board meeting, during the public comment period, a suggestion from a licensee for the board to consider reviewing waiver requirements for 2020 due to Covid-19 was brought up. Additionally, AMCO has been receiving requests from other concerned licensees about meeting the minimum operating requirements and the corresponding fees.

Staff suggests the following:

- Consider to move that all licensees affected by Covid-19 in the year 2020, in relation to minimum operating requirements under 3 AAC 304.170, complete and submit a waiver application for the year 2020 to AMCO.
- 3 AAC 304.170(i) provides that the board will, in its discretion, waive waiver fees including late waiver fees. Consider to move to determine that Covid-19 is an extraordinary hardship for licensees for the year 2020, therefore, waive the waiver fees under 3 AAC 304.170(c) & (h) for the year 2020.
- Consider to move that any waiver application received for the year 2020 not be counted against the licensee for the purposes of 3 AAC 304.170(e) which talks about denials of third and fourth waivers.
- Licensees would be notified via an Advisory posted on our website and emailed to them at the email address of record.

If the board approves this process and if all 1886 current licensees were to apply, the financial ramifications would total \$1,356,750. For comparison, in FY20, AMCO received \$55,225 in waiver fees and \$13,100 in waiver late fees.