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To: Chair and Member of the Board

From: Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Specialist

Re: Board consideration of marijuana handler permit education course

Relevant regulation:

3 AAC 306.701. Marijuana handler permit education course.

(a) The board shall approve all marijuana handler permit education courses before a course provider may issue a marijuana handler permit.

(b) The topics that an approved marijuana handler permit education course covers must include

(1) AS 17.38 and this chapter;
(2) the effects of consumption of marijuana and marijuana products;
(3) how to identify a person impaired by consumption of marijuana;
(4) how to determine valid photographic identification;
(5) how to intervene to prevent unlawful marijuana consumption; and
(6) the penalty for an unlawful act by a licensee, an employee, or an agent of a marijuana establishment.

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Background: Food Service Operators Training Achievement Program Series, LLC, dba Tap Series LLC has applied to become an approved education course provider. This is an online training program.

Staff requests the board utilize the online training course for review. The provided paper copy of course materials is not complete. Each board member is provided a unique login/password to access the complete course online.

Staff reviewed the online course. Upon review, staff has requested the proposed course provider to address and/or correct the following deficiencies:

- Comments: Most of the information seems to be general to all states and only one lesson is Alaska based. The pages on recyclable packaging are

more fleshed out than the pages on the Alaska specific lesson. Some of the general information presented is not applicable to Alaska.

- Technical: Computer voice run-ons. About 85% of the computer voice makes for smooth listening with no problems. There were some pages where the computer voice reading did not pause between the section heading/subsection heading and paragraph. The lack of pause made for confusing listening with run on sentencing.

- Lesson 6- agent in charge not applicable to Alaska.

- Lesson 7- wrong information- Alaska does not have a 'transport' license Type.

- Lesson 8-reword/redo last page (page 24) on Taxation- this is not true

- The course states that a drive through window retail sales model is not an option but in the State of Alaska it is an option.

Attachments:
Letter from TAP Series LLC
Provided paper copy of course materials (the review of this course requires you to utilize the online version)