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Dear Liquor Licensee:

During this past legislative session, a new law was recently enacted in Montana that will affect your business operations. To assist you I have summarized this law.

Effective October 1, 2011

Mandatory Responsible Alcohol Sales and Service Training Act

Senate Bill 29 mandates that retail establishments and manufacturers licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages ensure that all licensees and their employees that sell or serve alcoholic beverages receive proper training. Responsible alcohol sales and service training covers state law prohibiting the sale or service of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age and to persons who are intoxicated.

To be in compliance with the law:

- Each employee authorized to sell or serve alcohol, their immediate supervisor and all licensees must be trained in a state approved alcohol sales and service training program by September 30, 2011;
- All required employees must be trained within 60 days of hire;
- All required employees must be trained every three years after their initial training; and
- Each licensee must maintain employment records verifying employee completion of the required training

To locate a state approved training program please visit www.AlcoholServerTraining.mt.gov and click on *pre-approved programs*.

I will be happy to assist you if you have any questions. You may contact me toll free at 1-800-332-6135 option 7 or 406-444-4307.

Sincerely,

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