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**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION (“ABCC”) ADVISORY
REGARDING RECORKING OF WINE**

On October 20, 2016, Governor Charlie Baker signed the Acts of 2016, c. 297, “An Act further regulating the recorking of wine.”

Prior to the signing of this Act, only § 12 *restaurant* and *hotel* licensees were permitted to “recork” customers’ unfinished bottles of wine so that patrons could remove them from the licensed premises. As of October 20, 2016, this Act expands which § 12 licensees may “recork” wine to not only restaurants and hotels, but *taverns, clubs, and war veterans’ organizations* as well.

Section 12 licensees that are permitted to “recork” unfinished bottles of wine for patrons are reminded of the requirements under § 12 and 204 CMR 2.18, including that each bottle of partially consumed wine must be purchased by a patron *in conjunction with the ordering of a meal*. Furthermore, only one bottle of partially consumed wine may be packaged per patron, and the licensee must package the wine in accordance with 204 CMR 2.18.

As a reminder, all licensees must ensure that they are in compliance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and that sale of alcoholic beverages take place only as authorized by applicable law.

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