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Dear Golf Course Licensee:

The Kentucky Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“ABC”) is pleased to note that House Bill 183, passed by the 2017 General Assembly, became effective on June 29, 2017. The legislation affects KRS Chapters 241-244 and provides consistency in statutory language and promotes safe and responsible business practices for Kentucky’s ABC licensees.

Under the new law, the definition of a “supplemental bar” no longer requires it to be a “continuously constructed” structure, *i.e.*, not permanently constructed. *See* KRS 241.010(62). This change will allow for non-permanent structures, such as golf carts, to serve as supplemental bars. Distilled spirits and wine in addition to malt beverages may be served from licensed supplemental bars. Supplemental bars are subject to the applicable requirements set forth in KRS Chapters 241-244, and in particular KRS 243.037.

In addition to this change, the Department no longer interprets the applicable statutes to require a course holding a golf course license to be open to the public. A private course may be eligible for a golf course license.

Kentucky ABC is proud to have worked with the General Assembly on statutory changes that reflects modern business needs and practices. ABC reminds all licensees of the importance of understanding the current laws governing alcoholic beverages in the Commonwealth as well as responsible beverage sales and service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department at 502-564-4850 or abc.info@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Christine Trout, Commissioner
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