

“CRISIS DE-REGULATIONS” SHOULD THEY STAY OR SHOULD THEY GO?

Public health and safety are core governmental functions. As a result, alcohol laws and regulations were created as safeguards to help protect the public from harms associated with the use of alcohol. The Covid-19 crisis should not propel the government to permanently change these safeguards without understanding the basis and purpose of such policies.

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Bill would allow Ohio bars, restaurants to sell alcohol until 4 a.m.

The bill includes several other provisions. It would also make it easier for restaurants and bars to establish or expand outdoor drinking areas. It would also eliminate restrictions on Sunday liquor sales, and eliminate the Liquor Control Commission's ability to restrict alcohol sales on holidays. The bill would also allow individual districts to vote on the creation of a “K” permit, which would allow the 24-hour sale of alcohol Monday through Sunday.

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Mississippi alcohol sales increase during pandemic; coast sees 14.9 percent spike in COVID cases

Alcohol sales in Mississippi are seeing a big jump during the coronavirus pandemic, the state Department of Revenue says. "Since March 16, we have shipped 932,120 cases, which represents an increase of 140,785 cases over last year," the department's division of Alcoholic Beverage Control said in a social media post last week.

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Massachusetts House passes bill supporting restaurants

The legislative package adopted today aims to assist a sector that has been hard hit by COVID-19. The measures passed are intended to help restaurants weather the economic crisis in the wake of the pandemic. The package eases outdoor dining restrictions, expands alcohol delivery options to include mixed drinks, extends takeout options to February 2021, waives interest on late meals tax payments and caps the amount that can be charged on food delivery service.

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TIPS Launches Online Responsible Alcohol Delivery Course

Health Communications, Inc. (HCI) is pleased to announce the release of eTIPS Off Premise and Delivery, a web-based training and certification program specifically designed for people who work in a place where alcohol delivery or takeout is available.

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"My bill was meant to be a lifeline for restaurants and bars facing extinction because of COVID-19, not an opportunity for these establishments to totally disregard open container laws and social distancing requirements," the senator said. "The failures of these establishments to follow the law will create a public health disaster, not to mention creating noise and quality of life issues."

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The Next Wave of Violence

These shootings do not appear to be tied to the protests. Some of these shootings occurred at bars (Minneapolis, San Antonio) and parties (Houston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and Union County, S.C.), and may well be the participants' first large gatherings since the lockdowns and quarantines. (Excessive alcohol consumption and firearms is not a good combination.)

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New Tools Help Parents Talk With Kids About Alcohol, Drugs

The effort, titled "Talk. They Hear You," includes a comprehensive toolkit created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, under the federal Sober Truth on Underage Drinking Act. It emphasizes the importance of parents talking to their kids about alcohol and drug use before they reach an age when they are confronted to make a decision about it.

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Buckland teen arrested following 'alarming' social media postings

Northwest District Attorney spokesperson Mary Carey said Friday that Zachary M. Taylor was arrested on a Greenfield District Court warrant and arraigned on charges of possession of a firearm while intoxicated, disorderly conduct and being a minor in possession of alcohol, all in connection with an incident in Hawley June 4. Multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Massachusetts State Police, responded to the incident.

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