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The 2021 NLLEA Training Symposium will be held in a virtual format. More information to come detailing the dates, times, and training workshop content.

WA-Meet Chandra Brady, New Liquor and Cannabis Board Enforcement and Education Division Director

On Feb. 1, 2021, the Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) announced that Chandra Brady was beginning her tenure as the new Director of Enforcement and Education. Her first day on the job was that day. Ms. Brady was chosen following a nationwide search. She most recently served as the Administrator for the Olympia Police Department (OPD). In that capacity, she provided strategic leadership for OPD, oversaw 30+ employees, and the department's \$21 million budget. Her leadership role spanned across divisions with commissioned and non-commissioned staff including: corrections, warrants, records, policy development, contracts, technology, legal, finance, public records and community-based crisis response and outreach. She is a partially-commissioned law enforcement officer and has formerly served as the OPD Jail Manager and as Deputy Chief of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

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LA-City shut down 7 bars over the weekend; Gun pulled on inspectors by security guard at one night spot

New Orleans code enforcement officials shut down a total of seven bars over the weekend in violation of COVID restrictions and found much more than they bargained for in the process.

Peter Bowen, Director, Office of Business & External Services, said compliance officers found businesses in gross violation of restrictions and in some cases they found violations that could have

shut down the bars even under pre-COVID situations due to fire hazard violations.

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VA-A New Bill, Inspired by Purple Lounge, Would Make it Easier to Deny Liquor Licenses

A former Columbia Pike business has inspired a state bill that would allow localities greater say over liquor licenses. **HB 2131** was introduced in the Virginia House of Delegates last month by Del. Alfonso Lopez, who represents Arlington — including portions of the Pike — in the **49th District**. It has since passed the House unanimously and is now in the Virginia State Senate. The bill is a response to a **number of incidents**, including **multiple shootings**, that took place in 2020 at the nightlife venue Purple Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge at 3111 Columbia Pike.

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CA-Chula Vista neighborhood worries about house parties

Police say they began receiving complaints from neighbors about a home on Mansiones Lane months ago, but activity seems to have increased over the past few weeks. Police say they are working with code enforcement and Alcohol Beverage Control on the matter.

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PA-Deana Eckman's family still hopes to reform DUI law

Strowhouer had five prior DUIs on his record since 2010 and was on probation for a previous offense at the time of the crash. He had pleaded guilty to his third and fourth DUIs at the same time in Chester County Oct. 2, 2017, and was given a total sentence of 18 to 36 months in state prison. Later that same month, he pleaded to a fifth DUI before Judge Mary Alice Brennan in Delaware County for DUI: controlled substance – combination alcohol/drug as a third offense. The sentence in the Delaware County case was run concurrent to the Chester County sentence. Roseanne DeRosa previously said the criminal justice system failed her family “miserably” and that Strowhouer’s last DUI conviction should never have been run concurrently.

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NM-Decades of limited liquor licenses makes them high commodities

Since the early part of the 20th century, the number of liquor licenses in New Mexico have largely been finite. As a result, those licenses are now worth roughly half a million dollars. In recent years, state lawmakers have tried various ways to reconfigure the state’s liquor laws that would both make it less costly for potential new liquor license holders while also not devaluing current licenses.

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Marijuana legalization in Montana presents another DUI challenge

As marijuana becomes legal to enjoy in Montana with certain guidelines, there’s new concern among law enforcement roughly one month since the measure took hold. That’s because in a state already plagued by a drunk driving epidemic, new projections coming from the Montana Department of Justice show that DUI’s could increase due to marijuana use. But that’s not the only concern, as officials in Montana’s law enforcement and justice system believe the measure was passed with gaping holes, that ultimately will have to be addressed and ironed out by the Montana legislature, before retail shops are set to open in the fall of 2021.

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Maui approves bill to punish hosts of underaged drinking

The Maui County Council unanimously approved a bill that would make the host of a gathering that contains underaged drinking liable for the infraction. The law is scheduled to take effect on Sept. 1, the Maui News reported Saturday.

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Coalition warns USPS alcohol delivery ‘not safe’

The letter is in opposition to elements of the United States Postal Service Shipping Equity Act, and has been signed by the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America (WSWA), American Beverage Licensees (ABL), American Distilled Spirits Alliance (ADSA) and National Beer Wholesalers Association (NBWA). Introduced by representative Jackie Speier, the bill aims to address the current financial needs of the US Postal Service (USPS). However, the coalition of trade bodies warned that if the proposed legislation passes, lawmakers will be ‘potentially substituting one budgetary shortfall for another’. Michelle Korsmo, WSWA president and CEO, said: “Proposed legislation to allow the US Postal Service to handle beverage alcohol is simply not a safe or responsible solution to answer the current significant needs of the USPS.

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ISU researchers use data to help communities discover and solve biggest problems

A three-state Coordinated Innovation Network of land-grant universities worked over the past year to expand the **Data Science for the Public Good program**, developed in Virginia and shared through five universities in Virginia, Iowa and Oregon. Last summer, multidisciplinary Iowa State teams of faculty, students and ISU Extension and Outreach staff led four data-driven projects as well as an intensive 10-week training program to teach undergraduate and graduate students about applying data science techniques to real-world problems. All four projects have received additional funding to grow these efforts and have been shared nationally.

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Liquor Delivery And License Bills Winding Way Through New Mexico Legislature

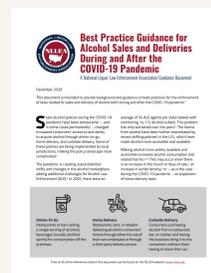
New Mexico lawmakers are pitching multiple pieces of legislation on the topic, highlighted by a measure that would allow restaurants to deliver beer and wine to people at their homes — assuming those folks also buy some food. Safety measures, proponents insist, will be put in place to ensure the customers are not minors or inebriated. Advocates say it’s a necessary move to help struggling restaurants survive, adding there’s no reason to think that once the pandemic subsides, the desire to have dinner and a bottle of wine delivered to your doorstep will subside.

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NHTSA Impaired Driving Update February 2021

The National Liquor Law Enforcement Association Releases a Best Practice Guidance Document for Alcohol Sales and Deliveries During and After the COVID-19 Pandemic:



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