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Chief Justin Nordhorn of the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board Enforcement and Education Division reports three **emergency suspensions** that took place in October; one at a **Cannabis Producer**, one for a **Tobacco Licensee**, for multiple youth access violations in a short period of time, and one at a **Liquor Licensed Business (a bar)** for public safety violations related to COVID-19 non-compliance with the Governor's Proclamations. Chief Nordhorn reports that the emergency suspensions are all extreme actions, beyond their normal violation approach, calling for a cancellation of the license and immediate suspension of the license for 180 days without initial due process. Licensees have the ability to contest the violations and request formal hearings, which are supposed to occur within the 180 day period.

WSLB Issues Emergency Suspension to Okanogan County Marijuana Producer-The suspension, effective immediately, is for alleged diversion of product out of the state.

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Emergency Suspension Issued for West Olympia's Silver Lining-The emergency suspension of an Olympia vapor product, cigarette, and tobacco retailer license after a series of substantiated complaints, sales of vapor products to youth, and obstruction of investigations, among other public safety violations.

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Emergency Suspension Issued for Loggers Inn, Sultan WA - The emergency suspension of the license is for repeated public safety violations of state COVID-19 guidelines and a violation for allowing cannabis use on premises.

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Traffic Is Just Another Sign That Colorado Stopped Taking The Coronavirus Seriously

There are a lot of ways to measure the coronavirus pandemic. Positive test rates, hospitalizations, deaths and the growth in cases all show that a third wave has hit Colorado. But when economists, epidemiologists and policymakers try to understand why that third wave is here, they might find some answers in statistics that appear unrelated to health care. Like crime, retail sales and auto crashes. Traffic crashes in Denver, for instance, have risen each month since bottoming out in April. In Oct. there were 956 crashes in the city, according to Denver Police data. In April there were only 267.

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CA-Gilroy couple charged with forcing man into servitude at their liquor

store-Operators of M&M liquors accused of keeping man under lock and key, and severely underpaying other employees

Suspicion about the liquor store surfaced in February when agents with the state department of Alcoholic Beverage Control conducted a decoy alcohol-sales sting at Gavilan Market and a random inspection at M&M Liquors, both located off Westwood Drive and operated by the Manns. According to a investigative report from ABC, an employee at the market was cited for selling alcohol to a person identifying as a minor, and later revealed his wage conditions. At the liquor store, agents encountered an employee who “appeared to be living in a small storage room in the back area of the store,” which had a thin mattress slung over milk crates, an office desk being used as a dresser, and evidence indicating the man was bathing from a mop sink.

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Changing attitudes towards marijuana, Ohio’s laws could force lawmakers to take action

The 2020 Election kept either major political party from claiming a landslide victory in the White House, Senate, or House of Representatives. But voters in five states (New Jersey, Montana, Mississippi, South Dakota, and Arizona) passed marijuana initiatives. New Jersey, Montana, South Dakota, and Arizona voters all approved adult use recreational marijuana, potentially being one of the first signs of a Green Wave.

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In a victory for bar owners, Arizona restaurants may lose the right to sell alcohol to-go

A group of **bar owners sued Ducey over his executive order that required bars to close** during the pandemic. The same order also relaxed rules on restaurants and permitted them to sell alcohol for off-premise consumption. But bar owners pay a premium for the privilege to sell alcohol for off-premise consumption, and allowing restaurants to sell takeout alcohol undermined their businesses and devalued their licenses, the lawsuit argued.

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Ohio: Attorney General Yost Works to Protect Local Businesses and Keep Ohio’s Economy Strong

In an effort to protect Ohio businesses that sell alcohol and keep the local economy strong, Ohio Attorney Dave Yost has reached a proposed settlement agreement with the first of seven out-of-state companies who are accused of illegally shipping wine and spirits. The investigation announced in July by the Ohio Attorney General’s Office in conjunction with the Ohio Division of Liquor Control sought to determine whether taxes were leaving our state through products being shipped illegally. The results were that multiple out-of-state providers of wine and liquor have flouted state law resulting in millions of tax dollars leaving Ohio.

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Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Releases Annual Report

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) released its **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Report**, which details agency operations, sales trends, popular products, and financial results. This year's report also details how the COVID-19 pandemic affected PLCB operations and sales. The annual report, in its eighth year, reviews the agency's financials and provides insight into functions including store operations, licensing, marketing and merchandising, supply chain, wholesale operations, information technology, alcohol education, and personnel. The document is filled with statistics and information shedding light on how the agency works and where the money it generates goes.

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NC-Illegal gambling on NASCAR races could cost local lodge a liquor license suspension

An Alcohol Law Enforcement agent on March 5 found a NASCAR racing gambling lottery, according to the report. Cigarette cartons were cut open with handwritten names on one side and numbers on the other covered by a flap, the agent said in the report. An employee said the numbers represented NASCAR drivers' numbers. Paper clipped to the carton was an envelope with \$85, according to the report.

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CA-State ABC gets \$2M to enforce underage drinking, other alcohol laws

The grant came from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the California Office of Traffic Safety. It runs through the end of September 2021. ABC programs funded through the grant include Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Decoy operations, fake identification enforcement, compliance checks involving alcohol delivery services, Informed Merchants Preventing Alcohol-Related Crime Tendency inspections, licensee education on alcohol and drug trainings and target responsibility for alcohol-connected emergencies trainings.

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NH-Kate Frey and Joan Ascheim: Epidemic of binge drinking since COVID shutdown

NEW HAMPSHIRE has made some gains in recent years in our battle against the ongoing addiction crisis. But, without an end in sight, the COVID-19 pandemic is threatening to undo that hard-fought progress and put more lives in jeopardy. The pandemic's impact can be clearly seen in rising alcohol sales across the Granite State.

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NLLEA Announcements:

2020 NLLEA Annual Business Meeting for members only will be held on Wednesday, November 18th from 1pm to 3pm EST via Zoom. NLLEA Annual awards will be presented during the Business Meeting at 1pm.

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Other Announcements:

Alcohol Law Review

NHTSA's Impaired Driving Division Update-November 2020

Job Announcement:

The Kaua'i County Liquor Control Commission invites qualified, service-oriented individuals of integrity and ethics to submit a comprehensive résumé of their educational and professional qualifications for the position of the Director of the Liquor Control Department for the County of Kaua'i.

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If you have Alcohol Law Enforcement news to share, please send it to Carrie Christofes, Executive Director at carrie.christofes@nllea.org. Thank you,

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