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CONTROL STATE NEWS

ID: Idaho House Votes To Repeal Law That Bans Alcohol Sales During Obscene Films

By Dustin Hurst
March 10, 2016

The Idaho House voted unanimously Thursday to repeal a law that prohibits liquor and alcohol sales during obscene films.

On a 68 to 0 tally, House members voted to send the bill to the Senate, a step toward ending a potentially costly lawsuit against the state.

The bill came about after two Idaho State Police officers ticketed The Village in Meridian in January for serving alcohol during a showing of 50 Shades of Grey. The ISP officers also threatened to pull the theater’s liquor license.

Idaho code presently bans liquor license holders like The Village from serving alcohol during obscene films, regardless of the movie’s rating.

The Village sued the state, arguing that the regulation violates the company’s First Amendment rights because the rule uses a liquor license to impose the movie ban.

House floor sponsor Joe Palmer, R-Meridian, told his colleagues that though the bill might make some uncomfortable, it protects the Constitution.

“I think it’s very important to keep the constitution front and center,” Palmer said.

Idaho theaters have dealt with this law before. In 2013, The Flicks in Boise, which serves alcohol during movies, declined to show Blue is the Warmest Color because a steamy sex scene in the film would have placed the business in conflict with the quirky state law.

OR: Oregon Liquor Control Commission addresses marijuana licensing process concerns

By Stephanie Montano
March 10, 2016

MEDFORD-- The Oregon Liquor Control Commission took a field trip on Thursday to check out marijuana grows. The purpose of the visit was to understand some of the concerns about the licensing process.

"This just happens to be ground zero for cannabis production," said Brent Kenyon, owner of Southern Oregon Alternative Medicine. "It's not only our opinion it's a fact it's the world."

Various growers opened up their home and showed the OLCC what actually goes on.

"It gives them a clear vision of what they need to do to protect the public and to also promote business in Oregon," said Kenyon.
The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is getting ready to set a template which will let growers know what to expect.

"We will look at how we can set up some rules now that we got some licenses," said Rob Patridge, Commission Chair of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

The rules and regulations can vary from location to location, which is why many growers will be able to apply for waivers.

"Security systems can be extremely expensive they could price out a lot of small farmers from being able to participate in the recreational program," said Cedar Grey, President of Oregon Sungrown Growers Guild.

"It's always gonna be a balance between protecting public safety and we are out here looking at rural Oregon to see what's practical and reasonable," said Patridge.

Those discussions include safety for the growers and the public, and the possibility of waiving certain regulations.

"In particular a lot of the regulations are more clear for indoor growers but don't actually apply to for outdoor growers out here in the rural," said Grey.

"I think cannabis is absolutely capable of replacing the timber industry funds that have been lost and some of the fishing dollars and things that we've seen decline in our economy," said Kenyon.

Growers said so far, it's been a really good experience.

"Where you now have marijuana growers that are going to lunch with senators and talking about issues and making this work," Kenyon.

The OLCC will be meeting with the Sungrown Guild Growers on Friday to discuss these concerns.

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VT: Vermont Liquor Control Board Appoints New Commissioner

Vermont Department of Liquor Control
Press Release
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Montpelier, VT – The Vermont Department of Liquor Control and Liquor Control Board are pleased to announce that Patrick T. Delaney, a veteran of the hospitality and alcoholic beverage industry, will become the new Commissioner of the Department of Liquor Control on February 1, 2016. Mr. Delaney brings a wealth of control state brokerage business experience and a long history of effective team management skills to his new position.

Mr. Delaney’s lengthy and varied professional career in the hospitality industry began with food and beverage management positions in hotels and resorts, including the Seattle Sheraton Hotel & Towers and the Snowbird Ski and Summer Report in Utah. Over the next twenty years, Mr. Delaney successfully ran his own liquor brokerage company, Phoenix Wine & Spirit, which became the largest wine brokerage in Utah. In 2013, Southern Wine and Spirits, the nation’s largest wine and spirits distributor, acquired Phoenix, but retained Mr. Delaney as its Utah portfolio manager, a position he held until his appointment.

Mr. Delaney looks forward to serving our state as Commissioner and is committed to addressing the Department’s existing challenges and contributing to its future successes.
Mr. Delaney was born and raised in Seattle, Washington and graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. He is happily married and looks forward to introducing his wife, Christy, to Vermont.

**LICENSE STATE NEWS**

**IN: Indiana OKs 1-day alcohol sales switch for daylight time**

FOX 59  
By Associated Press  
March 11, 2016

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana residents who will lose an hour of sleep this weekend when daylight saving time returns won’t lose any time to buy alcohol early Sunday.

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission will once again allow alcoholic beverage sales to continue until 4 a.m. Sunday, an hour later than normal.

The change only affects sales on Sunday and addresses the time shift that occurs when Hoosiers move their clocks ahead one hour when daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Without the change, alcohol sales would have to end an hour earlier than normal Sunday.

The one-day rule change will permit Indiana establishments to have the same number of hours to serve alcoholic beverages Saturday night and early Sunday as they normally do.

**SC: SC dismisses Review petition challenging Kerala Liquor policy**

LIVE Law  
By Apoorva Mandani  
March 10, 2016

A Division Bench of the Supreme Court on Wednesday reportedly dismissed a batch of petitions demanding review of its decision approving Kerala’s new liquor policy that bans drinking of liquor in public and limiting serving of alcohol to five-star hotels.

The Bench, comprising Justice J.S. Khehar and Justice Shiva Kirti Singh dismissed the petition filed by hotels and their associations, observing, “Having carefully perused the petition for review and the judgment sought to be reviewed, we do not find any error apparent on the face of the record of this case, warranting reconsideration of the aforementioned judgment. The review petition is without any merit and the same is, accordingly, dismissed.”

In December last year, the Supreme Court had upheld the State Government’s liquor policy, observing that prohibition has not succeeded, and therefore strict state regulation is imperative. The Court had referred to Article 47 of the Constitution of India and observed that it places a responsibility on every State Government to at least
contain, if not curtail consumption of alcohol and the impugned Policy, therefore, is to be encouraged and is certainly not to be struck down or discouraged by the Courts. “How this policy is to be implemented, modified, adapted or restructured is the province of the State Government and not of the Judiciary,” the Bench had observed.

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**Washington, DC: New law means new rules for D.C. brewers and distillers**

**WTOP**  
By Megan Cloherty  
March 11, 2016

WASHINGTON — Brewers and distillers in the District have new rules to play by. Legislation passed this week allows them to participate in farmers markets and be open past 9 p.m., among other things.

Brandon Skall, who runs D.C. Brau Brewing Co., says the law will level the playing field.

“This omnibus bill that’s coming through is allowing us to sort of catch up to some of our counterparts in Virginia and Maryland,” he says.

The law, now in effect, allows breweries and distilleries to expand operating hours and serve wine and alcohol at private parties and host entertainment.

“These are all changes that will allow us to hire more people, put more people to work from the general area here, as well as increase tax revenue for the city,” Skall says.

These types of businesses can now participate in farmers markets in the area that have alcoholic beverage licenses.

“While at those markets, they can provide tastings of their products and sell bottles people can take home with them,” says Jesse Cornelius with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration.

The Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Act of 2015 went into effect Wednesday.

So far, four out of the 11 businesses in the District who this law affects have applied for permits to extend their hours and host entertainment, Cornelius says.

D.C. Brau is one of them.

“We get a lot of requests for weddings, birthdays, and corporate events, but you don’t want to limit yourself to just beer for one of those events,” Skall explains.

“So this would allow us to purchase other forms of alcohol to do special events like that.”

He also plans on extending D.C. Brau’s hours, which before now were limited to serving alcohol between 1 p.m. and 9 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Canada: Province has new plan to tackle Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Ottawa Sun
By Christopher I. Cobb
March 11, 2016

The Ontario government is set to announce the province’s first strategy to combat Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – a strategy expected to include a massive education effort aimed at would-be mothers, teachers and health care providers.

According to Health Canada, 300,000 people are living with FASD. Researchers say that number is an underestimate because of widespread ignorance about the condition among physicians, who misdiagnose the disorder, and biological mothers who fear the stigma that might result from admitting they drank alcohol during their pregnancies.

Most FASD sufferers have attention deficit disorder, which researchers say is often diagnosed and medicated as a single, non-alcohol related disorder when it is the opposite.

The causes and impact of FASD on affected children and their families has long been neglected by government.

In developing its strategy, the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services has held province-wide round table meetings and consulted with expert researchers in the field.

Educating sexually active women about the dangers of drinking alcohol is considered crucial because an estimated 50 per cent of all pregnancies are unplanned – meaning that women often don’t know they are pregnant and unwittingly continue drinking during the critical early development of the fetus.

One aim of the education program is expected to attempt to crush the myth that only babies born to alcoholic or heavy-drinking mothers are potential victims of FASD.

Research is suggesting that even moderate, social drinking by pregnant women can damage their baby’s brain if the alcohol is consumed at a critical time of brain development. In other words, it is often a question of timing and not quantity.

According to a spokesperson for Children and Youth Minister Tracy MacCharles, the new strategy will focus on:

- Awareness and Prevention.
- Screening, assessment and diagnosis.
- Programs and services.
- Support for families and caregivers.

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“There is a need to broaden FASD awareness campaigns to target the public in the hopes of preventing new cases while removing the stigma for people currently affected by FASD,” he said. “We need to start talking about FASD and how we can decrease its prevalence in Ontario.”

FASD cost Canada at least $1.8 billion in 2013 — the latest figure available and, coincidentally, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario’s profit at the end of the 2014-15 fiscal year.

It isn’t clear whether the LCBO will be brought into the public education mix. As an agency of government, its only financial obligation is to turn over its profit to provincial coffers.

Long-time advocate for FASD victims, Elspeth Ross, told the Citizen Thursday that it’s time for the disorder to be recognized so victims can get access to provincially-funded services they are currently locked out of.

For example, she says, people with FASD don’t qualify for services under Developmental Services Ontario, which assess potential clients based on IQ.

While FASD inflicts a varied range of developmental damage, its victims are invariably high-functioning and articulate.

“Young adults with FASD need help transitioning to adult services and need employment support,’ said Ross. “They have special needs.”

Ross and her fellow advocates want Ontario to join the Canada FASD Research Network that began in the prairie provinces and now has British Columbia and New Brunswick as members.

“We lack organizations to speak for us,” said Ross, who has two adult sons with FASD. “It’s frustrating that all the work is being done by the grassroots.”

A groundbreaking program called the Ottawa Fetal Alcohol Resource Program, launched last August by Citizen Advocacy has been educating professionals such as judges, lawyers, parole officers, police officers, teachers, and social workers about FASD.

(FASD children are often misunderstood by teachers who have no training in the disorder and by police, courts and corrections officers. Many people with FASD run afoul of the police and justice system in part because they are often unable to understand potential repercussions of their actions.)

About 160 people have been “trained” since the program began.

The ministry is expected to unveil general details of its FASD strategy at a one-day symposium on March 24, followed by a formal unveiling later in the spring.

More information on the Ottawa FASD free education program at www.citizenadvocacy.org
INDUSTRY NEWS

UK Sales Of Sparkling Wine Top £1 Billion

*Sparkling wine sales in the UK have soared to over £1 billion for the first time, new figures from the WSTA have revealed.*

By Arabella Mileham
March 10, 2016

WSTA chief executive Miles Beale is pressuring the chancellor to make cuts to wine and spirits

Sales of fizz at retail hit £709m in the twelve months to January 2016, with the on-trade contributing a further £348m, the latest Wine and Spirit Trade Association Market Report has revealed. This amounts to around 800,000 hectolitres in total, it said, almost double the amount sold in 2012.

Sales have been buoyed in the last 12 weeks, with retail sales rising by around 20% on last year’s figure, to £229m or 255,000hl by volume. This was enough wine to fill an Olympic-sized swimming pool, the report found.

Volume sales were even stronger in the on-trade, with bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants seeing a 49% lift in the last 12 months, or 53% in the last 12 weeks. Growth of sparkling wine in pubs have been particularly strong in recent years, up 270% since 2011, which is worth around £95m – and the WSTA argues that it could hit 1000hl by 2020 if it continues to grow at the same rate.

The sparkling category includes Prosecco, Cava and English sparkling wine as well as bubbles from other countries including New Zealand and French Cremant. Currently more sparkling wine is sold in the UK than Champagne, and now accounts for around 58% of sales by value or 8 out every ten bottles sold.

Champagne sales also grew in the last 12 weeks, up 5% by value at retail, and 13% increase across the on-trade.

Miles Beale, chief executive for the WSTA said the growth was ‘fantastic news’ – particularly for the expanding English wine industry – but noted that sparkling wine was among the highest taxed alcoholic drinks in the UK, around 28% higher than still wines.

“This is why we, and many others, are asking for the Chancellor to cut wine and spirits by 2%. Not only would British drinkers get a fairer deal but a cut would bring more revenue to the Exchequer,” he said.

Online sales of sparkling wine – including Champagne – have also performed strongly in the UK, according to the latest Wilson Drinks Report. Sparkling was the only sector to see both volume and value growth in the 3 months to 27 June 2015.

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Single malt scotch supply running low

KTUL
By Scott Roepel
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TULSA, Ok. (KTUL) - Grab every bottle of single malt Scotch nearby before they all vanish. Reports show the beverage is on the verge of a global shortage.
According to CNN Money the need for the liquor is so high the supply cannot catch up. Which means the shortage could last up to 15-years. Legally, Scotch needs to be aged around three-years, but most times it's distilled for longer periods of time to increase flavor and pump up the price. A few companies, Macallan and Highland Park, don't print ages on the bottle.

In order to fight against the drought, several distilleries are making more Scotch. While the world waits for the Scotch supply to return to normal. Prices for older Scotch will spike and Macallan and Highland Park will still be pumping out their brand.

A random bit of knowledge about Scotch. The most expensive decanter of Scotch sold was in Hong Kong in 2014. The selling price was $628,205.

**DAILY NEWS**

Do Different Types of Alcohol Make You Behave Poorly?

attn
By Thor Benson
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Everyone has a party drink of choice along with a booze that they absolutely steer clear of. While many people believe they can't stomach a certain alcohol because it makes them behave poorly, it turns out there isn't much scientific evidence to support that claim.

**There's Only One Thing That Gets You Drunk**

No matter what kind of liquor you're drinking, whether it's tequila or beer, ethyl alcohol is the culprit of your buzz. Different beverages do contain different amounts of ethyl alcohol — around six percent in a beer and 40 percent in most liquors — but the total amount you end up consuming defines how drunk you get, which affects how you behave. Since liquor is stronger, you don't have to drink as much volume to get drunk: A 1.5 ounce shot of a 40 percent liquor is about the same as drinking a 12-ounce beer.

If you drink the same amount of two different alcohols that are of the same strength "the overall intoxicating effects of the alcohol in the drinks will be similar," Dr. Rueben Gonzales, a professor of pharmacology at the University of Texas, Austin, told ATTN:. "The other ingredients in the drink will affect taste and palatability, and there will be individual differences in how people perceive, enjoy or are repulsed by the taste." So, two shots of vodka and two shots of whiskey (provided they are both 40 percent) will have the same physical effects, in general.

It is true that different alcohols can give people varying degrees of a hangover the following day, and that's usually blamed on the congeners in the liquor. Congeners are byproducts produced during the fermentation of alcohol.

Brandy, port and some wines contain a congener called methanol, which can be very harmful to the body in high doses. "Methanol is metabolized in the body to formaldehyde, which is extremely toxic," Gonzales said.

**Here's What Impacts How You Drink**

Believe it or not, mixers play a big role in how drunk or hungover you get. Maybe you put Coke in your rum drink or load up on cranberry juice in your vodka, but people also tend to drink more carelessly when the beverage is sweet and they can't taste the liquor. And drinking more = bigger hangover.
A study from Northern Kentucky University found that people who used diet mixers tended to get drunk faster, because the stomach processes the diet drinks quicker so alcohol reaches your bloodstream at a faster pace. What’s more, researchers also found that participants were more unaware of their buzzed state with the diet mixed drinks than those who guzzled alcohol mixed with regular sugar-sweetened soda.

"The severity of your hangover can be based on a lot of different factors such as what you drink, how much you drink, and how healthy your lifestyle is overall," nutritionist Dana Kofsky told Bustle last year. "Drinks that are more likely to cause hangovers contain high amounts of sugar, mix together multiple kinds of alcohol, and have a high calorie count."

Reactions to Alcohol Can Also Depend On Your Body

Some people may have physical problems with certain alcoholic beverages. Wine gives many people headaches, and there are a few ideas as to why that might happen. Sulfites, a chemical used to preserve wine, have long been blamed for causing some wine drinkers to get headaches, but many experts dispute that theory. They instead point fingers at the high sugar content and histamines, which can cause allergy-like symptoms when consuming any aged product such as wine and cheese.

Some studies have found that red wines contain more histamines than sparkling or white wine and people who struggle with vino may be missing an enzyme that helps them metabolize it.