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To: All Iowa Native Manufacturers

From: Lolani Lekkas, Public Service Manager 2, Alcoholic Beverages Division

Re: Senate File 2374 – Licensing Bill

This new legislation allows native distilleries, native wineries, and native breweries to apply for a class C retail alcohol license which allows both on and off premises liquor, beer, and wine sales. Our eLAPS licensing system will need to undergo major changes to implement all of the changes contained in SF2374.

ABD was able to begin implementation of this bill as soon as it was signed by the Governor on June 7, 2022, in accordance with the transition provisions. As a result, non-system changes (licensing system) are being rolled out immediately.

What does this mean to you??

• As a native manufacturer, you may apply now through eLAPS for a class C retail alcohol license.

• PLEASE NOTE: The fee changes (system changes) associated with the class C retail alcohol license have not been implemented into eLAPS which means you will be paying the current class “C” liquor license fee applicable to your location along with a Sunday Sales fee, if you choose to operate on Sunday.

What are your options if you choose not to apply for a Class C retail alcohol license at this time?

• You can wait until January 1st, 2023, when the new fee structure has been implemented into eLAPS, to apply for a class C retail alcohol license.

What if you don’t want to give up your current retail permit/license at your site of manufacturing?

• Your current retail license or permit, if currently due and eligible for renewal, can be renewed prior to January 1, 2023. Your current retail license or permit will remain in full force and effect until the expiration date on your license or permit.

• After January 1, 2023, you may not renew or apply for a new Class C Native wine permit, Class C Native distilled spirits liquor license, or Class B beer permit. If you want to conduct on-premises retail sales, you must apply for a Class C retail alcohol license.
If you have any questions or wish to discuss your options, please contact our native manufacturing team at:

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