

Component: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Contribution to Department's Mission's

Protect the public from alcoholic beverage abuse by enforcing state laws regulating alcoholic beverage commerce

Core Services

- Regulate alcoholic beverage commerce.
- License qualified persons to sell alcoholic beverages.
- Provide accurate liquor license and licensee information to the public.
- Provide up-to-date local option status of Alaska communities to the public.
- Enforce state laws governing alcoholic beverage commerce.
- Assist and train municipal police and Alaska State Troopers in alcoholic beverage law enforcement.

Results at a Glance

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <http://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)

END RESULT A: Eliminate harm to the public from underage access to alcoholic beverages.

- Rate of compliance with laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to underage persons was 87% in FY2009, compared to 83% in FY2008.

Status of Strategies to Achieve End Result

- FY2009 targets for annual alcoholic beverage licensed establishments compliance checks were met in four of eight regions (50%)

Major Activities to Advance Strategies

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase deterrence for selling to young-looking persons.• Recruit, hire, and train ABC Investigators. Recruit and train underage "assets" for compliance checks.• Communicate regarding success or failure with compliance check.• Notice of violations for licensees failing compliance checks. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal citation for clerks/servers selling to underage persons.• Follow-up checks timely for licensees that fail compliance check.• Accusations against serial failures of compliance checks.• Suspend liquor licensees and levy fines on licenses convicted of selling alcohol to underage persons and other related Title 4 violations. |
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Key Component Challenges

Investigator staffing remains at levels below those that existed prior to the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Inadequate staffing prevents proactive enforcement and increases the danger to the public attributable to underage drinking and alcohol-related accidents and deaths. Compliance check successes by licensees are directly related to the numbers of compliance checks accomplished. Only one investigator is assigned through a grant to work compliance check and shoulder tap programs, and must do so with the assistance of already over-burdened local and state law enforcement.

New licenses for "outdoor recreation lodges" resulting from legislation passed in 2005 continue to present challenges for the board. Many of these lodges are located in rural parts of the state and board staff are balancing concerns from nearby communities, many of which restrict alcohol possession by local option, with the right of lodge owners to acquire and operate lodge licenses that allow service only to their guests and off-duty staff.

Newly enacted legislation allowing the courts to mandate alcohol-related offenders obtain "Alcohol Restricted" labeled driver's licenses or identification cards remains difficult for licensees and servers to enforce when subjects are