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NCSLA STATEMENT

April 10, 2017 – Established upon the repeal of Prohibition, and meeting almost every year since 1934, the National Conference of State Liquor Administrators (“NCSLA”) has proudly afforded state alcohol regulators the forum and opportunity to discuss alcohol industry trends, including the impact of modern technological advances on the industry and the challenges this brings to state regulation, to learn about best practices, and to meet face-to-face with officials from numerous states as well as the industry they regulate. The focus of NCSLA conferences is squarely on educating and informing attendees, with a robust business agenda. Indeed, NCSLA’s educational programs qualify for Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) credits, and recent courses have been approved for CLE credits, including ethics, in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Texas. While these conferences also include opportunities for after-hours social activities, those are secondary to the educational seminars presented each day.

The regulation of the alcoholic beverage industry is complex and diverse. State alcohol regulators are charged with implementing and enforcing an increasingly complex web of laws and regulations—everything from underage drinking enforcement to smuggling and human trafficking, from working with local agencies to help them keep their communities safe, to regulating the economic relationships among three distinct tiers of the industry. While each state is different and has different priorities, staying current with national trends, and learning from both contemporaries and the industry itself, is an important tool in the oversight of this industry and in advising state policy-makers to assist them in making the best decisions for their state. State regulators benefit their respective states greatly from their participation in NCSLA conferences, including forging strong relationships with their counterparts in other states.

For more information, please visit www.ncsla.org.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national, non-profit corporation founded in 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, NCSLA is composed of state regulators as active members, and associate members consisting of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, law firms, associations, and other service-related organizations in the alcoholic beverages sector. Currently, regulatory agencies from 41 of 50 states and the District of Columbia are active NCSLA members. The primary focus of NCSLA is education on historical and current issues related to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.