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NCSLA 2013 Annual Conference Presents “Beyond Blue Laws: Hot Legislative Issues Seeking to Bring States into the 21st Century”

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will assemble June 24-28th on the island of Oahu at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort in Honolulu, Hawaii for its 2013 annual meeting and conference. Serving as conference host is the Honolulu Liquor Commission, and Administrator Greg Nishioka.

The annual conference theme is “**Evolve, Adapt, Endure.**” Our business agenda will cover a number of diverse issues that demonstrate the need, application and importance of this philosophy.

Every year legislatures around the nation consider an increasing number of bills aimed at modernizing state alcohol laws. Once bills are passed and signed by the governor it becomes the responsibility of state regulators to administer the new laws. Occasionally, regulators must interpret the language of the new law in order to properly do that.

What are the hot legislative issues being debated around the country? How likely are these issues to land – as freshly enacted laws – on alcohol regulators’ desks? What are the issues behind the issues? During the 2013 Annual Conference a panel of beverage alcohol experts – representing regulators, legislators and industry members – will seek to answer those questions in a session entitled, “*Beyond Blue Laws: Hot Legislative Issues Seeking to Bring States into the 21st Century*”.

Panelists include:

- Sherry Cook, Administrator, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- Senator Arthur B. "Skin" Edge, IV, Partner, GeorgiaLink Public Affairs Group
- Jennifer Spall, Sr. Director, Public Affairs & Government Relations, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

“This lively panel discussion will identify and examine issues currently on the legislative front - including growlers, Sunday sales, multiple licenses, hours of operation, keg registration, transfer of product between stores under common ownership, interstate shipping (including Amazon's efforts to get into the wine shipping game), beer/wine/spirits tastings, merchandising and privatization – in an effort to educate and inform attendees on issues of the day,” said Edward Cooper, Vice President, Public Affairs and Community Relations for Total Wine & More and moderator of the panel discussion. “After the panel lays out the issues I look forward to opening up the topic to the audience for questions and answers.”

The “Beyond Blue Laws” program, part of a full and exciting array of excellent panel discussions and presentations at the annual conference, will take place on Tuesday, June 25th.

Make your plans **NOW** to come to Honolulu, Hawaii from June 24-28, 2013 for this year’s annual meeting of the NCSLA! There is still time to register so visit www.ncsla.org today for details. Watch for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2013 Annual Conference to be broadcast in the coming weeks.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national organization of state alcohol beverage regulators, founded June 19, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, whose purposes are to promote the enactment of the most effective and equitable types of state alcoholic beverage control laws; devise and promote the use of methods which provide the best enforcement of the particular alcoholic beverage control laws in each state; work for the adoption of uniform laws insofar they may be practicable; promote harmony with the federal government in its administration of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act; and strive for harmony in the administration of the alcoholic beverage control laws among the several states. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.