



ALLIANCE OF BEVERAGE LICENSEES

FOR A RESPONSIBLE LIQUOR INDUSTRY

What has ABLE done for you lately?

ABLE is your Advocate

Still hear people saying "I can't believe the NDP campaigned on raising beer prices during the last election"? The NDP didn't campaign on raising beer prices, they campaigned on increasing the price LRS' pay for alcohol. ABLE BC campaigned on your behalf about beer prices because that's what resonated with the media and public and it brought our industry's issues to the forefront.

Other changes happen quietly, not because there aren't hours and hours of ABLE work put into them but because that's often the best way to get government to make changes. Governments are risk adverse and hate confrontation but that doesn't mean they won't make changes that help our industry.

ABLE is your Resource

Ever wondered; "Can I do bottle service?" "What kinds of games and prizes can I offer in my pub?" "Is what the restaurant down the road is doing really legal?" "Or how do I detect counterfeit money?"

The ABLE office is your resource centre, have a question, try the office first. If they don't know the answer, they will find someone who does. And since you aren't usually the only one wondering, contacting the ABLE office with your questions or concerns helps them build relevant member communications and advocate for changes to ongoing problems.

ABLE is always working on your behalf

Have you ever called the office just to get an update on what the ABLE team is working on? There is always a long list of things; here are just a few examples of what the ABLE team is currently working on:

HST

ABLE is working to determine how the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) will impact your business(es) and discussing with government how to limit that impact.

NRCC

ABLE is an Intervener with the Copyright Board of Canada fighting to decrease the excessive tariffs the Neighbouring Rights Collective of Canada (NRCC) wants to place on establishments with dancing or live music.

BCGEU

ABLE is responding to the media and taking the BC Government Employees Union to task on the most recent radio ad campaign full of misinformation.

ID Scanning

ABLE is working with LCLB, the Information and Privacy Commissioner and industry stakeholders to ensure you have the tools you need to keep staff and patrons safe.

BDL

ABLE is working with Labatt, Molson and Brewer's Distributors Limited (BDL) to push for improved service from BDL. ABLE is making sure they know that late deliveries, constant shortages and refunds that take forever are not acceptable.

Enforcement

ABLE continues to work with the Liquor Branch asking for more reasonable penalties, especially on first offences as well as to get more discretion for Liquor Inspectors.

Restaurants Acting like Bars

ABLE is working with the Liquor Branch to encourage more enforcement of Restaurants operating outside the primary purpose of their licence, ie – serving more liquor than food, serving liquor without food and applying for late night hours. ABLE has also helped local members work with their municipalities in order for them to understand that restaurants wanting to operate until 3:00am, usually just want to sell more liquor. ABLE has seen success in Courtenay, Coquitlam and waits, along with all Vancouver licensees, for the City of Vancouver to make their decision.

LRS Sub Committee

A committee of LRS operators has been formed and is meeting to discuss issues facing LRS operators in particular. They are currently preparing recommendations to ABLE's Board of Directors on what should be done in preparation for the Government Liquor Store Union contract negotiations.

Lotteries

ABLE continues to push BCLC and the government for higher lottery commissions and more gaming options for your establishments.