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ABL Economic Impact Study Expanded to Include State Legislative Districts

Retail alcohol jobs, taxes and economic data now available at state legislative levels

BETHESDA, MD – January 24, 2013 – With state legislative sessions gaveling in throughout the country, American Beverage Licensees (ABL) is pleased to announce that it has expanded its *2012 Economic Impact Study of America's Beer, Wine and Spirits Retailers* to include the economic contributions of beverage licensees in state house and state senate districts across the country.

With so much alcohol policy being debated and discussed at the state level, ABL has been working on a way for beverage licensees to quantify the significant contribution they make to their communities when it comes to jobs, taxes and economic impact. By utilizing this economic study data, America's beer, wine and spirits retailers now have the ability to tell their overwhelmingly positive story to their State Senators and Representatives as they advocate under state capitol domes from Hartford to Austin to Cheyenne.

"We know that our members face challenges at every level and when not running their businesses, are engaged in legislative fights every day," said John Bodnovich, ABL's Executive Director. "ABL feels strongly about dedicating its resources to help its members preserve commonsense state alcohol laws and oppose policy proposals that would have an adverse effect on small independent business."

Through the ABL website, www.ablusa.org, ABL members can create reports and download data that detail the number of jobs and amount of taxes that they provide to their communities, as well as more in-depth economic impact information at the state legislative district level.

"ABL remains keenly focused on alcohol issues on the federal level, but we recognize that strong retailers make strong advocates to Congress. Fighting to keep them in business is at the core of ABL's mission and ultimately beneficial for anyone who desires a diverse and vibrant alcohol marketplace full of entrepreneurs and locally-owned family businesses," said Bodnovich.

Access to state Senate and House district data is free to ABL members and requires additional log-in information which can be obtained by contacting the ABL office. The [2012 Economic Impact Study of America's Beer, Wine and Spirits Retailers](#), which was prepared by [John Dunham & Associates](#), can be sorted nationally, by state and by congressional district, and is also available at www.ablusa.org.

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American Beverage Licensees is the preeminent national trade association for beverage alcohol retailers. Establishments that sell beverage alcohol in the United States employ as many as 1.4 million people with well-paying jobs. Of its nearly 20,000 on-premise and off-premise licensee members, most are independent and often family-owned operators. These small business owners are part of an industry that pays over \$16.3 billion in federal taxes and \$14.7 billion in state and local taxes. To learn more about ABL, visit www.ablusa.org.