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MEMORANDUM

To: Heads of Fire Departments

From: Stephen D. Coan
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Date: November 13, 2013

RE: UPDATED INFORMATION: New and Renewed Liquor License Inspections

As a reminder to all heads of fire departments, my office has been informed that local licensing boards may be considering the issuance or renewal of liquor licenses in non-conformance with the provisions of state law.

You should remind your local licensing authority that liquor licenses can only be issued or renewed when there has been an inspection conducted under 780 CMR 1.06 by both the local building inspector and **signed by the Head of the Fire Department**, as a condition prior to issuance or renewal of a liquor license.

The Fire Safety Act of 2004 amended Massachusetts General Law Chapter 10, s. 74 to require all applicants for an alcohol beverage license (issued under the authority of the ABCC) to submit an annual valid certificate of inspection as a pre-condition to the issuance or renewal of this license. The license referred to in that section is a Chapter 138, s. 12 pourers license for alcohol intended to be consumed on the premises.

It is critical that the local licensing board does not accept an incomplete application as they may adversely impact a new or renewal license, which is required to be applied for locally prior to November 30 and then submitted to the state ABCC (by the licensing board) by December 31.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Code Compliance and Enforcement Unit at (978) 567-3375 or in Western MA at (413) 587-3181.

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