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Charitable or Non Profit Events

The Commercial Licensing and Racing & Athletics Division of the Department of Business Regulation (“Department”) has been receiving inquiries related to charitable or non-profit events sponsored by certain alcoholic beverage licensees. The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide guidance to all licensees relating to these events, which provide a valuable public service in supporting charities and non-profit organizations.

The Department is hereby providing the following guidelines for these types of events.

- 1. Class A liquor stores are not allowed to directly conduct wine tasting events outside of their own store, unless in conjunction with a “Wine Dinner” event. However, since wine and food tasting at an event benefiting a charity or non-profit does not involve direct sales of liquor, the statute and related Wine Dinner Bulletin would not prohibit these events from being sponsored by an alcoholic beverage licensee.**
- 2. Any Alcoholic beverage licensee is allowed to donate or supply its own product to a charitable or non-profit event.**
- 3. Personnel serving alcohol at such events must be TIPS-trained, and must comply with all related server requirements.**
- 4. The obtaining of a license (other than a Class P) to hold such events is within the jurisdiction of local municipal authorities.**

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