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NC-Statewide ALE Operation Yields Hundreds of Arrests, Charges

ALE special agents partnered with local law enforcement in a statewide operation that yielded a large number of arrests, charges and the seizure of drugs, guns and cash.

Throughout the summer, ALE special agents have worked to address violence at ABC permitted businesses as well as conducted multiple investigations following deaths resulting from alcohol related car crashes.

Throughout the agency's eight districts, special agents executed 10 search warrants, seized 17 firearms (one of which was from a juvenile), 86 fraudulent identifications, U.S. currency and various types of illegal controlled substances. Of the 371 arrests and 682 charges, 104 were felony charges, 310 were alcohol-related charges, and 155 were drug-related charges.

Bryan House, director of North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement said, "Through ongoing collaborative efforts with our law enforcement partners, ALE special agents hope to prevent crime, injuries and deaths, while improving the quality of life in and around places where alcoholic beverages are sold."

During the operation, 13 ABC-permitted businesses were found to be in violation of state laws and regulations. ALE special agents will submit violation reports to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission documenting the criminal and regulatory violations at these businesses, which could result in fines, suspensions or revocations of ABC permits.

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Maui Ordinance to Prevent Underage Drinking Goes Into Effect Sept. 1

A new Social Host Liability Ordinance, which passed out of the county council in February, takes effect on Maui on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021. The Hawai'i Public Health Institute's Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth says the new law aims to tackle underage drinking at parties. The Social Host Liability Ordinance holds adults on the island of Maui accountable for illegal underage drinking on their property.

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MA-Raft of alcohol bills in Mass. draw competing viewpoints in hearing

The retail side of the alcoholic beverage industry in Massachusetts is in a "pretty chaotic" place as corporate interests vie for greater control of the marketplace here while COVID-19 restrictions recede and businesses and consumers alike adjust to changes in the industry, the head of the Massachusetts Package Stores Association said Monday. Rob Mellion told the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure that the 17 bills he wanted to discuss during Monday's hearing were a demonstration of the upheaval in his industry. "But this 17 is part of about 100 bills that are being weighed before you throughout this legislative session. I have talked about, on a number of occasions I've explained this, that the motivation behind a lot of these bills is driven by a push by large corporate interests towards marketplace control, as well as the opportunity to do so. COVID-19 has provided an opportunity to do so," he said. "It is in this context that we are working towards preventing further disruption, further securing of marketplace control by large corporate interests, for the benefit of all the small businesses in the state."

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MD-6 Harford County Businesses Fined For Serving Underage Patrons

Multiple businesses in Harford County were fined Wednesday for serving alcohol to underage patrons. The Harford County Liquor Control Board issued \$5,750 in fines for the violations at establishments that served alcohol to those younger than 21 after the liquor inspector for the county conducted compliance checks with law enforcement. "This is a serious issue here in our county that we didn't see pre-COVID, and we're seeing an awful lot of violations," Liquor Board Commissioner Paul Majewski said at a hearing in Bel Air, where the board found six businesses guilty Wednesday on the charge of selling alcohol to minors.

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Report Highlights Open Container Laws as Important Countermeasure Against Drunk Driving, Raises Safety Questions in Response to Recent Alcohol-To-Go Legislation

The Center for Alcohol Policy (the Center) released a **new white paper** outlining the legislative history of open container laws in America, how they act as an important countermeasure in the fight to prevent drunk driving, and also addresses the significant safety questions raised by recent alcohol-to-go legislation

following the COVID-19 pandemic. The report was commissioned by the Center and authored by J.T. Griffin, principal at Griffin Strategies, LLC and former Chief Government Affairs Officer for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). It follows the publication of the Center's **recent report on the legislative history of drunk driving** in America also authored by Griffin.

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Marijuana Legalization Continues to Grow: 2021 Laws Map

A comprehensive view of the states' marijuana laws regarding medical use, workplace accommodations and driving under the influence. Today, 36 states and the District of Columbia allow medical use of marijuana.

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FDA Again Pushes Back Implementation Date for Cigarette Graphic Warnings

Cigarette packaging and advertising will remain the same a few months longer. The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) rule requiring tobacco companies to include health warnings on cigarette packages and in cigarette ads has been pushed back again until October 2022. The agency issued its **final rule** on the warnings in March 2020. The graphic warnings feature a combination of text and images depicting some of the health risks of cigarette smoking, as Convenience Store News previously reported. The latest delay comes after the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas issued an order in the case of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. et al. v. United States Food and Drug Administration et al. to postpone the effective date. The court issued the order on Aug. 18, according to the FDA.

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A Tribute to Janet Snyder (1944-2021) and the Need to Further Reduce Drunk Driving

By Pamela S. Erickson

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