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STATE OF NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

TO: RETAIL ON-PREMISES LICENSEES

SUBJECT: MINIMUM CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR
FAILURE TO PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Section 2 of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law declares that it is the policy of the State that it is necessary to regulate and control the sale and distribution within this state of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of fostering and promoting temperance in their consumption.

A minimum charge to be applied only against the consumption of alcoholic beverages does not promote temperance and is contrary to the public policy of this state.

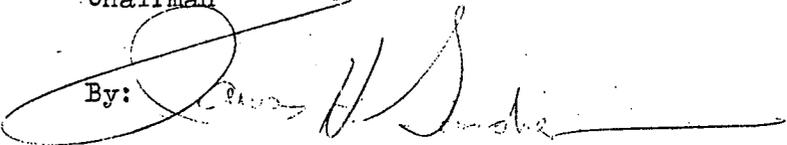
An additional charge for failure to purchase alcoholic beverages likewise offends the public policy of this state.

On and after the date of the issuance of this bulletin, the imposition or collection of an additional charge for failure to purchase alcoholic beverages or of a minimum charge for alcoholic beverages shall be deemed cause for the revocation, cancellation or suspension of the license of the licensee who engages in such practice.

This bulletin is not intended to prohibit the practice of making a cover charge or a minimum charge to be applied against the sale of alcoholic beverages and food in combination.

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