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**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET TO INCLUDE \$4.8M TO STRENGTHEN STATE LIQUOR  
AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT  
Funds to Support 100% Increase in Agency Investigators, Authorizes Tougher Penalties and  
Initiatives**

Governor George E. Pataki announced that his 2006-07 Executive Budget, unveiled yesterday, includes \$4.8 million in new funding for the hiring of 28 new Beverage Control Investigators at the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) over the next year - a 100% increase in enforcement staff.

The Governor also announced that his Executive Budget calls for authorizing higher fines, additional Administrative Law Judges, and electronic document submission.

"In the past 11 years we have launched a number of innovative initiatives aimed at preventing alcohol-related issues, like underage drinking and its potentially harmful and tragic consequences," Governor Pataki said. "Our investment in additional investigators - a full 100% increase - strengthens ABC law enforcement, and renews our continued commitment to protecting the health and safety of New Yorkers."

State Liquor Authority Chief Executive Officer Joshua B. Toas said, "Beverage Control Investigators are part of the first line of defense in combating violations of the Alcohol Beverage Control Law like underage drinking. I want to thank Governor Pataki for strengthening our efforts by providing us with the vital resources important to protecting the public health and safety."

The Governor's budget proposes \$4.8 million for the hiring of 28 new Beverage Control Investigators over the next year within the State Liquor Authority's Enforcement Bureau. The increase will expand the Authority's Enforcement Bureau to a total of 56 investigators and provide additional resources to further improve licensee compliance with the Alcohol and Beverage Control Law (ABC).

The 2006-07 Executive Budgets also calls for the authorization of a number of other measures, including increasing fines for offenses such as serving alcohol to minors, adding additional Administrative

Law Judges to further expedite licensee cases reviewed by the State Liquor Authority, and permitting electronic submission of required documents including monthly price postings.

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers, and working with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State, works to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

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