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ABC ANNOUNCES NEW LIQUOR LICENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

Sacramento – Jacob Appelsmith, Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, today announced authorization for the issuance of new on-sale general and off-sale general licenses and authorization for the inter-county transfer of on-sale general and off-sale general licenses.

This year, based on statutory authorizations and limitations, the following counties will be eligible for additional on-sale general and off-sale general licenses, as follows:

COUNTY	NEW ON-SALE	NEW OFF-SALE	INTERCOUNTY ON-SALE	INTERCOUNTY OFF-SALE
Alameda	25	25	25	24
Alpine	4	0	0	0
Butte	3	0	0	0
Contra Costa	25	25	25	25
Fresno	25	0	25	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0
Imperial	5	5	5	0
Kern	25	0	25	0
Kings	4	0	4	0
Los Angeles	25	25	25	25
Madera	5	0	5	0
Merced	7	0	7	0
Mono	1	0	0	0
Monterey	15	7	0	0
Napa	5	0	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	25	25	25	25
Placer	4	4	0	0
Riverside	25	25	25	25
Sacramento	25	25	25	25
San Benito	2	0	1	0
San Bernardino	25	25	25	25
San Diego	25	25	25	25
San Joaquin	25	15	25	0
San Mateo	0	24	0	22

COUNTY	NEW ON-SALE	NEW OFF-SALE	INTERCOUNTY ON-SALE	INTERCOUNTY OFF-SALE
Santa Clara	25	25	25	25
Santa Cruz	0	7	0	0
Solano	15	14	15	6
Stanislaus	20	0	20	0
Sutter	4	0	1	0
Tehama	3	0	1	0
Tulare	15	0	15	0
Ventura	25	16	12	0
Yolo	8	4	8	0
Yuba	3	0	1	0

From September 12, 2011, through September 23, 2011, in counties where such licenses are available, applications for new original on-sale general and off-sale general licenses will be accepted at District and Branch offices. During the same period, priority applications will be accepted for the inter-county transfer of on-sale general and off-sale general licenses, as authorized.

Only one priority application will be accepted from any one applicant per county for each type of license. A fee of **\$13,800** is to be paid when filing an application for a new original general license and a fee of **\$6,000** is to be paid when filing a priority application for the inter-county transfer of a general license. Only a certified check, cashier's check or money order will be accepted for payment of the application fee, which should be made payable to *Alcoholic Beverage Control*.

If the number of applicants within a county for a particular type of license/transaction is equal to or less than the number of licenses available, all applicants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

If the Department receives more applications than there are licenses available, a public drawing will be held. To participate in such a drawing, an applicant must have been a resident of California for at least 90 days prior to the date of the scheduled drawing. Successful drawing participants will be notified that they have 90 days to complete a formal application for their specific premises.

Unsuccessful drawing participants will be automatically refunded their application fee (minus a \$100 service charge) within 45 days of the priority drawing, but will retain their priority ranking until a new priority list is established in 2012.

Applicants are encouraged to file their applications early in the filing period to avoid a lengthy wait.

In the coming weeks, additional information and instructions regarding application for original and inter-county transfer of general licenses will be made available on the Department's website at (<http://www.abc.ca.gov/>) and at District and Branch offices (www.abc.ca.gov/distmap.html).