

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes to amend to its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on Monday December 2, 2024, and closing on Wednesday January 16, 2025. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

ABC proposes to amend its conflict of interest code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict of interest code include updated language, revisions to the alphabetical ordering of designated positions, and updated language to reflect current duties. The proposed regulation amendments can be obtained by contacting the Law and Policy Unit at rpu@abc.ca.gov.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than Wednesday January 16, 2025, at 12PM, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than January 1, 2025.

The ABC has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning these proposed amendments, any communication required by this notice, or any request to review the amended regulation language should be directed to the Law and Policy Unit at rpu@abc.ca.gov with the subject line of "Conflict of Interest Code."