

## September 2021 Legal & Legislative Update

### FEDERAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

For the latest information on federal issues of importance to brewers, please link to the BA's [Federal Affairs Updates](#).

#### **BA Submits Comments to TTB on Biden Executive Order**

The Brewers Association (BA), responding to a Request for Information relating to President Biden's Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy, provided [initial comments](#) to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) addressing issues directly under TTB jurisdiction. These comments focused on trade practice enforcement issues and the need for regulatory modernization.

#### **TTB and Iowa Wholesaler Come to Terms**

The Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has accepted a \$325,000 [offer in compromise](#) from Iowa Beverage Systems (IBEV), an alcohol beverage wholesaler located in Des Moines, Iowa, to settle alleged trade practice violations. The violations included purchasing tap handles and making payments to a retailer in exchange for only buying IBEV products.

### THE STATES

#### **Sales, Distribution and Franchise:**

##### **Illinois**

Signed by the Governor, [House Bill 2620](#), includes certain provisions of the Brewers Economic Equity & Relief Act. The legislation provides for continued curbside pick-up for all licensed brewers, addresses issues related to limited brewpub self-distribution, and codifies the ability to maintain self-distribution for manufacturers producing more than one type of alcohol.

##### **Massachusetts**

Scheduled for a hearing, [House Bill 475](#) provides for pub breweries to sell up to 50,000 gallons of beer at wholesale and for off-premises retail sales.

#### **Trade Practice & Other:**

##### **California**

On the Governor's desk, [A.B. 1267](#) would authorize alcohol producers, including beer manufacturers, to donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale purchase price of an alcoholic beverage to a nonprofit charitable organization in connection with the sale or distribution of an alcohol beverage, subject to certain limitations.

**North Carolina**

Signed by the Governor, [House Bill 890](#), among many provisions relating to alcohol beverages, would expand the allowable growler size, clarifies alternating proprietorship abilities, and provides a sales tax exemption for alcoholic beverage manufacturers.