

## October 2024 Legal & Legislative Update

### FEDERAL / NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL

#### **USPS Shipping Equity Act Reintroduced in the U.S. Senate**

S. 5069, [companion legislation](#) to [H.R. 3721](#), has been reintroduced in the Senate. The legislation will allow the USPS to ship beverage alcohol products to legal drinking age adults in states that already have legalized private shipping of alcohol.

#### **OSHA Proposes Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Rule**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled [Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings](#). The proposed rule aims to prevent and reduce the number of occupational injuries, illnesses, and fatalities caused by exposure to hazardous heat.

### THE STATES

#### **California**

Signed into law, [A.B. 1940](#) would allow a wholesaler or manufacturer, or a successor, to accept the return of a seasonal brand of beer from a retail licensee if the beer is exchanged for a quantity of beer of similar quality of a brand produced or sold by the same manufacturer, or of another manufacturer if the original manufacturer has ceased doing business, with a value no greater than the original sales price to the retail licensee of the returned beer.

Signed by the Governor, [A.B. 2174](#) authorizes a beer manufacturer licensee to sell up to 124 gallons of beer manufactured by or for the licensee per catering event for consumption at conventions, sporting events, trade exhibits, picnics, social gatherings, community events, or similar events. The bill further limits the number of such events to thirty-six per licensee per year.

#### **New Jersey**

[Assembly Bill 4799](#) seeks to establish the Jersey Craft Beverage Retailer Promotion and Grant Program to encourage, advertise, and promote the craft alcoholic beverages manufactured in the state and those New Jersey retailers who promote and sell New Jersey craft alcoholic beverages in the state.