Retailer Leasing of Equipment from Distributors

To: All Illinois Retailers, Caterer Retailers, Brew Pubs, Special Use Permit Licensees, Special Event Retailers, and Distributors

The Liquor Control Act of 1934, specifically 235 ILCS 5/6-6, does not allow the renting or leasing of equipment. The proposed “of value” rule (11 Ill. Admin. Code 100.500(d)(4)) also does not allow the renting or leasing of equipment; however, it does allow the sale of “equipment and supplies.” Those items are specifically defined in the proposed rule. 11 Ill. Admin. Code 100.210 allows a distributor to provide a retailer with courtesy wagons and/or coil boxes and pumps free of charge for one day per year.

Through discussions with industry members and ILCC staff, it was agreed that the types of equipment enumerated in the rule may be rented for a reasonable amount of time within a twelve-month period.

I am an Illinois retailer. Am I allowed to rent a jockey box for my customer appreciation weekend?

Yes. You are allowed to use the jockey box for one day per year without leasing or paying for rent. If your event runs longer than one day, you will be required to rent or lease the equipment at fair market value for the additional days.

I obtained a special use license to sell alcoholic beverages at my community’s annual fall festival. Am I allowed to rent a courtesy wagon for this week-long event?

Yes. You are allowed to use the courtesy wagon for one day per year without leasing or paying for rent. Since your event is longer than one day, you will be required to rent or lease the equipment at fair market value for the additional days.