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Alcohol server training extension: Legislative mistake

A new law is near passing that could affect the safety of Hoosiers

INDIANAPOLIS, IN, March 5, 2010—Hoosiers and Congressmen are asked to question rationale behind a bill that is nearing acceptance—SB 75.

One of the statute modifications included in the bill is to extend the deadline for alcohol server training by an additional year. The current deadline of May 1, 2010 has created an immense demand for alcohol server training. Thousands of alcohol permit holders have been trained upon the new mandate thus far in 2010, and the class has been very successful in clarifying laws, responsibilities and requirements for serving and selling alcohol.

By adhering to the current deadline that has already been communicated to servers throughout the state, there is a greater incentive to serve alcohol more responsibly. The message should indicate the serious implications of irresponsible alcohol service. By extending the deadline, it is benefiting only the organization who lobbied for the extension, which can be assumed was self-serving for market share and profitability from providing the training.

Parents of minors, Indiana senators, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) members, and all Hoosiers are asked to question the motivation for this bill to be passed and consider the positive results of retaining the current deadline to enforce compliance for those who serve and sell alcohol.

Serving to minors and the intoxicated is a very prevalent and deadly issue in Indiana. Please ask "Why should Indiana extend the deadline for training that could potentially save lives?"

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