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In September 2006 the State Liquor Authority (“SLA” or “Authority”) formed a Task Force to review the Agency’s licensing application process and to recommend viable changes and improvements.

Members of the Task Force included Legislative Officials, Law Enforcement personnel, Community Board Members, Industry Representatives and State Liquor Authority staff.

The Task Force made recommendations for a new application for on-premises retail licenses as well as printing more pertinent data on license certificates. This new application allows the Authority to obtain detailed information on the type of establishment being applied for together with a thorough description of the method of operation proposed. Information provided on the license certificate has been expanded to include the type of establishment licensed (ie. a restaurant, night club, tavern or mixed use). Also included are details of the approved method of operation, such as, days and hours of operation; whether or not music or dancing is permitted; if the premises includes an outside area such as a deck or patio and any other relevant information.

Additionally, the Authority has selected multiple color license certificates that will be issued for specific types of on-premises establishments. To view a copy of the colored certificates please visit our Agency website home page under the Important Notices section at www.abc.state.ny.us . Below is a listing of what type of license each color certificate represents:

<u>Color</u>	<u>License Category</u>
Purple	Mixed Use (M/U)
Red	Night Club/Cabaret (NC, CR)
Olive	Restaurant Wine (RW)
Blue	All Other On-Premises Liquor

We will continue to use the **green** certificate for all off-premises licenses and all on-premises beer and/or wine licenses except for the Restaurant Wine license.

We believe that distinguishing the different types of licenses and providing as much information as possible on the certificates will allow law enforcement and the community to easily identify the method of operation allowed at a licensed establishment.

Within the next couple of weeks the SLA will begin utilizing our new retail on-premises application and issuing the new color coded certificates for new licensees. In the future, renewal licensees will also be issued the new license certificates. We are hopeful that this new process will help streamline the licensing process and provide more information to law enforcement and the public in general.

Sincerely,

Daniel B. Boyle
Chairman