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**BAR AND RESTAURANT OWNERS TURN OUT FOR FREE COMPLIANCE TRAINING  
SLA and Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association Provide Free Training Seminar**

**PATCHOGUE, NY** – The New York State Liquor Authority and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association (ESRTA) conducted free compliance training for nearly 200 restaurant, bar and tavern owners and their employees at the West Lake Inn on 322 Main Street in Patchogue Palace today. Scott Wexler, Executive Director of ESRTA, and SLA Director of Wholesale Robert Benedetto provided instruction entitled “the ABC’s of the Alcoholic Beverage Control law.”

The training provided licensees guidance on complying with the Alcoholic Beverage Control law, as well as SLA and other governmental laws and regulations. In addition, staff from the SLA were on hand to field questions from the audience as well as work with individual licensees immediately following the training. The “ABC’s” program was developed by the ESRTA with the assistance of the SLA to help ensure restaurant and bar owners have the information they need to comply with the law.

“These free trainings are part of our efforts to assist licensees comply with the law so that they may continue to create jobs, boost the local economy, and run their businesses successfully,” said SLA Chairman Dennis Rosen. “I want to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend today’s training, the turnout confirms our licensee’s commitment to running their businesses responsibly.”

“Licensees appreciate the State Liquor Authority’s efforts to help them understand the complex rules under which they must operate their business,” said Scott Wexler, Executive Director of ESRTA. “This program provided valuable guidance and assistance to those who attended and will go a long way towards gaining increased compliance with the law. That’s good for the business and owners and for the public at large.”

The State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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