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DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION
RICHMOND

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CIRCULAR LETTER
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TO: MANUFACTURERS, BOTTLERS, IMPORTERS, WHOLESALERS AND
RETAILERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
SUBJECT: RECORD KEEPING.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this circular letter is to advise those concerned of a recent decision by the Commission regarding reconciliation of wine and beer vendor drafts.

BACKGROUND: A corporation which operates convenience grocery stores in the state recently requested approval for a procedure whereby the retailer and wholesaler would not be required to reconcile their records where the discrepancy in the invoice is 99¢ or less, whether it be over or under the correct price. The retailer was of the view that such a procedure would save both retailers and wholesalers clerical expense because the current practice resulted in situations where the retailer would mail a check for 99¢ or less to the wholesaler.

HELD: Licensed retailers or wholesalers are not required to reconcile differences in amounts owed for wine or beer in cases where the discrepancy is 99¢ or less. A discrepancy in such an amount would not be construed to be a violation of Section 4-79, Virginia Code, the "Tied-House" law nor Section 57, Regulations. Any discrepancy in a larger amount must be adjusted.

Of course, this holding applies only to whether or not a violation of Section 4-79, Code, has been committed. This does not relieve any licensee of the responsibility to pay an amount due.

INQUIRIES: Inquiries should be addressed to the undersigned.

VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
COMMISSION

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