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## **CIRCULAR LETTER 06-01**

TO:

Beer Wholesale Licensees

DATE: February 14, 2006

FROM:

Francis J. Monahan

Director

Bureau of Law Enforcement

**SUBJECT:** 

CO<sup>2</sup> FILTER APPROVAL

The Board has previously taken the position that the CO<sup>2</sup> filter could not be provided to retailers free of charge as the CO<sup>2</sup> filter is not required for the machine to operate and therefore is considered an accessory. The filter could be sold to the retailer provided the price of the filter was not below cost.

As of February 14, 2006, the ABC Board has <u>approved</u> the use of CO<sup>2</sup> filters designed to remove impurities, to be provided free of charge, as long as the filter can be used for all taps and as long as the CO<sup>2</sup> filter is made available to all retailers as provided by 3 VAC 5-30-60.

This letter will serve as written authorization for the use of CO<sup>2</sup> filters consistent with the above amendment until such time as the administrative Regulations can be amended to reflect this decision.