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Amendment

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Hello,

On behalf of Janet Donald, A/General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB), I am writing to inform you of the LCRB's engagement about temporary relocations for liquor retailers in B.C., including Licensee Retail Stores, Wine Stores, and government liquor stores. In addition, there is a proposed regulatory amendment for your consideration and comment.

Temporary Relocation

Local governments are not required to approve or consider liquor store relocations. However, if a liquor retailer applies to relocate their store, they must provide proof of zoning.

The engagement paper attached includes background information and considerations for proposed temporary liquor store relocations. If you'd like to provide comment, instructions to submit your feedback are included in the paper.

As part of the engagement process, the LCRB is sending the paper to all local and Indigenous governments, Licensee Retail Store and Wine Store licensees and organizations, including the Alliance of Beverage Licensees and the Liquor Distribution Branch.

Responses will be received until September 29, 2023.

Proposed Regulatory Amendment

Currently, anyone who purchases liquor or cannabis must show two pieces of identification (ID) if requested by the licensed establishment. The proposed amendment to section 158 in the Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation and section 37 of the Cannabis Licensing Regulation would only require one piece of government-issued ID for liquor or cannabis purchases. This amendment aligns with other provincial requirements, such as tobacco purchases.

Further information on the proposed amendment is in the attached backgrounder document.

Responses will be received until September 15, 2023.

If you have any comments or questions about the proposed amendment or implementation, please contact Monika Laube, Engagement and Outreach Specialist, Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch, by phone at 236-478-0348 or email at LCRB.Outreach@gov.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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