

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

**NOTICE TO ALL CLERKS OF MUNICIPAL ISSUING AUTHORITIES
CONCERNING EVENTS REQUIRING SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMITS**

An issue has arisen about whether an event sponsored by an organization operating for civic, religious, educational, charitable, fraternal, social or recreational purposes that sells or serves alcoholic beverages requires a social affairs permit from the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Please be reminded that, if an organization (described above) **profits from the sale or service of alcoholic beverages**, then a social affairs permit is required. An organization profits from the sale or service of alcohol either by directly charging for alcoholic beverages or through the sale of tickets for admission to an event that serves alcoholic beverages when said beverages are in some way included in the ticket price. **A social affairs permit is required even if the event occurs on a licensed premises.** If, however, the owner of a licensed premises is the only entity that profits from the sale or service of alcohol at an event sponsored by an organization described above (e.g., through a cash bar), then a social affairs permit is not required.

Questions about Social Affairs Permits should be directed to Charlotte Snyder of the Licensing Bureau at (609) 984-1954.



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