

## Legislative Issues

**Three-Tier System.** As has been discussed in many of the weekly updates, there appears to be no legislative effort to negatively affect the Three-Tier System. We have not seen the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's (DBPR) package yet; however, we have been told this will not be part of their bill.

**In-store Servicing of Spirits.** Legislation has been filed to allow for the in-store servicing of low proof spirit products. The Senate version of the bill, [SB 574](#), has been introduced by Sen. Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) and the House version, yet to be introduced, is being filed by Rep. Alex Rizo (R-Hialeah). The bill specifically allows for placing of these products on vendor's shelves and maintaining the appearance and display of the products on the vendor's shelves in the vendor's licensed premises; placing product that is not so shelved or displayed in a storage area designated by the vendor, which is located in the vendor's licensed premises; rotation of product; and price stamping of products in the vendor's licensed premises.

**Spiritous Beverages.** Sen. Ed Hooper (R-Palm Harbor) and Rep. Wyman Duggan (R-Jacksonville) have filed [SB 384](#) and [HB 603](#) respectively. The bills would increase the maximum allowable size of distilled spirits containers (raising it from 1.75L to 1.8L). Additionally, the bill authorizes certain distilleries and primary sources of American supply to conduct beverage tastings at Florida fairs, trade shows, farmers markets, expositions, and festivals.

**Large Format Wine Container Sizes.** Rep. Chip LaMarca (R-Lighthouse Point) has filed [HB 583](#) to deregulate large format bottles and boxes. Sen. Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City) is expected to file the Senate version. The bill has been filed for several years and many are expecting it to pass this year.

**Florida Brewer's Guild Issues.** We know the FBG is currently shopping language to make changes to several areas of the beverage law. The language we have seen thus far does not include changes to Franchise law or self-distribution, though we know they have discussed that as well. There is no appetite among the vast majority of the legislature to pursue either of these issues, at this time.

## Regulatory Issues

**Blue Cloud of Florida.** Earlier this year, The Department of Business and Professional Regulation filed administrative complaints against each of the Blue Cloud of Florida licenses. Since that time, there has been no movement on the complaints, as we await their forwarding to the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH). FBWA has continued to check in with the leadership at DBPR to ask for a timeframe on this and has not been given any concrete information. We are continuing to press DBPR to move this complaint forward.