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(a) To obtain recognition from the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection as an approved alcohol seller and server training program pursuant to section 30-47(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, a program provider shall submit to the commissioner the following:

- (1) proof of registration to do business in the state of Connecticut;
- (2) a copy of the proposed curriculum;
- (3) a copy of all audio, video, and instructional materials that will be used in the program;
- (4) a copy of all printed materials that will be disseminated to program participants;
- (5) a copy of the examination materials to be administered in the program;
- (6) a written description of the testing procedures;
- (7) a written description of grading procedures;
- (8) a written description of minimum grade requirements for issuance of certificate of completion;
- (9) a copy of the certificate of completion for program participants;
- (10) a written description detailing methods for safeguarding test integrity;
- (11) the names and qualifications of each instructor; and
- (12) a fee schedule for program participants.

(b) In addition to providing the materials listed in subsection (a) of this section, in order to obtain recognition as an approved alcohol seller and server training program pursuant to section 30-47(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, and in order to maintain said recognition, the following minimum standards shall be adhered to:

- (1) each participant shall receive a minimum of five (5) hours of actual classroom instruction, exclusive of breaks and test administration;
- (2) instruction shall be conducted primarily in the live lecture format with an instructor physically present, and may include other instructional mediums such as video or interactive computer programs, training manuals, and role-playing; and
- (3) curriculum content shall include, but not be limited to, the following topic areas:
 - (A) prevention of sales to minors, including:
 - (i) review of relevant state statutes and regulations;
 - (ii) acceptable forms of identification;
 - (iii) how to check identification; standard of scrutiny;
 - (iv) detecting false identification; effective methods and equipment;
 - (v) common mistakes made when checking age identification; and
 - (vi) responsibility of server versus door-person.
 - (B) prevention of over-service of alcohol, including:
 - (i) review of relevant state statutes and regulations;
 - (ii) recognition and prevention; and
 - (iii) intervention techniques.
 - (C) restrictions on drink promotions, including:

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- (i) review of relevant state regulations;
- (ii) drinks as prizes prohibited;
- (iii) unlimited drinks at set price; and
- (iv) “one drink, one patron” rule.
- (D) criminal, civil, and administrative liability, including:
 - (i) the Dram Shop Act;
 - (ii) criminal liability for server; and
 - (iii) permittee - strict liability standard, including:
 - (I) responsibility for actions by promoters, employees, and other agents;
 - (II) responsibility for all activity occurring on the permit premises; and
 - (III) that a permit is a privilege, not a right.

(c) To maintain its recognition as an approved alcohol seller and server training program pursuant to section 30-47(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, a recognized program shall notify the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection immediately, in writing, of any changes or proposed changes to any of the items listed in subsection (a) of this section. Any such change may result in the loss of recognition following the commissioner’s review.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, a program already recognized by the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection must be re-approved by the commissioner every two years from the date of original approval. In order to obtain re-approval, a program provider shall submit all of the items listed in subsection (a) of this section and shall maintain the minimum standards as required by subsection (b) of this section.

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