Enrolled are the alcoholic beverage renewal applications for your jurisdiction. Be advised, the alcoholic beverage laws were extensively revised during the 2018 Legislative Session and will impact this renewal cycle. Among the notable revisions that are effective July 1, 2018 and that will impact these renewals are the following:

- The BW (on-off sale malt beverage and on-off sale South Dakota farm wine) license has been repealed
- The PB (off sale malt beverage) license has been repealed
- The PF (off sale malt beverage and off sale South Dakota farm wine) license has been repealed
- The RB (on-off sale malt beverage) license has been broadened to include on-off sale South Dakota farm wine

Beginning on July 1, 2018 the only malt beverage license that will be available is the new RB (on-off sale malt beverage and on-off sale South Dakota farm wines) license. The license fee remains at $300.00, half of which will be remitted to the state with the application.

The current BW (on-off sale malt beverage and on-off sale South Dakota farm wine), PB (off sale malt beverage), and PF (package off sale malt beverage and off sale SD farm wine) licenses will expire on June 30, 2018.

If a licensee currently holds a BW, PB, or PF license and wishes to continue the privileges granted by the license they should apply for an RB license. This application will be considered a new license and must follow the normal application process for new licenses. You may use the application I have included in this packet by simply marking the application as an RB and changing it from a renewal to a new license. You should also cross off the license number since we will be issuing a new RB license number for this license.

In considering whether to renew these licenses, the licensee should also be aware of the legislative changes regarding days and hours of operation for each license type. The 2018 Legislature created consistency by allowing all alcoholic beverage license types to sell or serve alcoholic beverages between the hours of 7:00 am and 2:00 am every day of the year. Christmas Day, Memorial Day, and Sunday sales will no longer be prohibited for certain license types unless the local governing body has adopted an ordinance prohibiting sales on those days.

There were numerous other changes that don’t impact the alcoholic beverage license renewals so more information about those changes will be distributed later. Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions about this renewal cycle.

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