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SD Licensed Beverage Dealers & Gaming Association Newsletter

THE CHOICE AND THE VOICE FOR BEVERAGE ALCOHOL RETAILERS & VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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SD Legislative Special Session Called

The South Dakota Legislature will hold a special session on September 23. The sole purpose of the session is for lawmakers to consider legislation regarding the construction of a new men's state prison, replacing the state penitentiary. The current penitentiary in Sioux Falls was built in 1881. It no longer meets modern correctional standards, has safety concerns along with infrastructure issues.

Governor Larry Rhoden called for the session following a recommendation from the Project Prison Reset task force. The task force proposed a 1,500-bed complex in northeastern Sioux Falls. The task force recommended a price cap of \$650 million, an amount potentially covered by funds set aside over the past three years by the legislature. Any spending bill, including the funding of this prison, must be approved by a two-thirds majority in both legislative chambers.

Rserving Training Reminder!

SD Licensed Beverage Dealers & Gaming Association wants to remind our members of our educational partnership with **Rserving®**, Professional Server Certification

Corporation.

Rserving® is the easiest, most affordable, and highest quality method of obtaining your certification. Rserving® (Responsible Serving®) offers food and alcohol certification / compliance training for bars, restaurants, liquor stores, and C-stores. Upon course completion, you will receive your official wallet card, or certificate. Rserving® is rated A+ by the BBB.

This opportunity is a more affordable and instant way to receive high quality alcohol certification. Alcohol training courses start at only \$8.95 and there are employer discounts if you need trainings for more than one employee.

The other great thing about this new partnership is that there are so many online interactive compliance training courses available to custom fit your establishment's needs. These classes include:

- **Responsible Serving of Alcohol**
- **Off-Premise Responsible Serving of Alcohol**
- **Responsible Serving of Tobacco**
- **SD Food Safety for Managers Training**
- **SD Food Managers Recertification**
- **Food Safety for Handlers**
- **Table Service/Hospitality Course**
- **Bartender Mixology**
- **Advanced Wine Knowledge**
- **Liquor Knowledge**

Go to <https://sdliquortraining.com> or check out our website under Education tab to find out more information!

National News Update:

Anheuser-Busch Continues to Deliver on Recent \$300 Million Commitment to American Manufacturing Jobs

"Today's announcement builds on that legacy with developments across three key pillars:

1. **Creating and Sustaining Manufacturing Jobs** through a new \$15 million investment in its hometown St. Louis Brewery, which includes funding for supply chain infrastructure to transport more of the highest-quality American-grown

ingredients to the brewery and more of its iconic beers to customers and consumers.

2. **Building the Manufacturing Workforce for the Future** by opening the doors of its best-in-class Technical Excellence Center training facility in St. Louis to local trade schools and other groups, in partnership with the National Association of Manufacturers' Manufacturing Institute. This collaboration will further develop and inspire the next generation of manufacturing talent and **marks the first time Anheuser-Busch will provide access to this world-class training facility beyond its own workforce.**
3. **Strengthening Manufacturing Career Opportunities for Veterans** by expanding its adoption of a new digital credentialing system that translates military experience into skills needed for careers in manufacturing. This will encourage more veterans to translate their skills into meaningful manufacturing careers at Anheuser-Busch."

*A statement provided by CEO, **Brendan Whitworth**:*

"At Anheuser-Busch, we believe the future of American manufacturing begins right in our hometown. Our latest investment in St. Louis is about more than just creating the highest-quality American-made products – it's also about creating opportunity, driving innovation and building a stronger future for American workers, veterans and the entire U.S. manufacturing industry. Missouri's recently-enacted American Beer Act will enable brewers like us to bring meaningful investments to our hometown of St. Louis and across the state for decades to come, ensuring long-term economic vitality while continuing to strengthen the overall American manufacturing sector."

Cities beyond St. Louis that have received major American manufacturing investments include Baldwinsville, NY; Houston, TX; Columbus, OH; Ft. Collins, CO; and Williamsburg, VA.

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