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To: All LCLB staff
All Industry Associations
All Local Government, First Nations, and Police Agencies

Re: Use of handcuff restraints by doorpersons in licensed establishments prohibited

In September of 2008, the new *Security Services Act* (SSA) took effect, replacing the old Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act. The SSA introduced new requirements for the licensing and regulation of the security industry, and is administered by the Security Programs and Police Technology Division (SSPTD) of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG). The SSA is intended to provide consistency across the security industry by ensuring all workers providing similar security functions and services are similarly regulated.

Under the SSA, security workers are now required to undergo training and obtain a licence as a condition of employment. There are now six types of security workers defined in the SSA, including "security guards", which will include persons who provide door security at an establishment licensed under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*. The deadline for doorpersons to obtain a licence is November 1, 2009, by which time employees are responsible for obtaining their security worker licence, and licensees must also ensure they employ or contract only licensed workers.

Under the new legislation, security guards are eligible to obtain advanced training which will allow them to carry and use metal chain link handcuffs. However, due to public safety concerns about the use of handcuffs in licensed establishments, the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch prohibits the use of handcuffs by security staff or contractors in licensed premises. The terms and conditions guides for liquor primary and food primary licenses will be updated to make this prohibition a term and condition of holding a licence.

Further Information

Further information regarding liquor control and licensing in British Columbia is available on the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch website at www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/lclb. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch toll free in Canada at 1-866-209-2111 or 250-387-1254 if calling from the Victoria area.

Full details on the licensing requirements for doorpersons under the Security Services Act are available at the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General website at <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/securityindustry/>.

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