

## **Historical Information Regarding California RBS**

In September 2006, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control received a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) recognizing the Department as the entity to approve Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) training providers and curricula.

The development of science-based training standards and curricula and the training provider certification process was previously created and handled by the California Coordinating Council on Responsible Beverage Service (C3RBS) under a grant received from OTS during 1992. During the initial process, C3RBS developed curriculum standards, provider qualifications, instructor qualifications and the process for provider applications. In August 2005, the C3RBS board of directors voted to dissolve their status as a legal entity and transition the certification of RBS training to the Department of ABC.

Under the 2006 RBS grant from OTS, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control has formed an RBS Advisory Board. The newly formed Advisory Board consisting of many members previously involved in C3RBS have adopted the C3RBS standard curriculum and have reviewed the latest science based RBS literature for the purpose of updating the previously developed standards. The updated standards reflect the findings of the most recent server training research and provide guidance, in connection with the administration of Rule 144, Title 4, Division 1, of the California Code of Regulations (“Penalty Guidelines”), to businesses, municipal governments, practitioners and individuals who have an interest in server training principles

The RBS Training Provider Program is voluntary as California law does not mandate applicants, licensees, or their employees to attend RBS training. However, the penalty for violations, as articulated in Rule 144, may be mitigated if the involved seller/server has previously attended a certified RBS training program.

Some local jurisdictions mandate RBS training for servers, managers, and/or other staff.