

**Charlie Liem**, Interim Secretary

**Charlie Crist**, Governor

Dear Licensee:

High school prom and graduation are here or just around the corner. The months of April and May have traditionally been the time for prom celebrations and graduation parties statewide. With these end-of-the-school-year celebrations and the start of summer vacation, there will be an increase in the number of underage youth attempting to access alcoholic beverages.

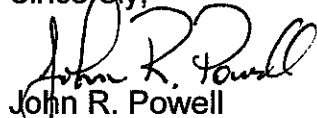
In response, agents with the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco will be out aggressively enforcing the alcohol and tobacco laws across the state, with targeted enforcement efforts around prom and graduation dates. The time to train your staff or refresh your business practices is before the celebrations begin. If you need assistance with training or education, please contact your local ABT district office.

We are counting on you to help us by increasing your efforts to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products to underage youth. Please remember to carefully check IDs of anyone you suspect of being under the age of 21 or 18 years of age respectfully attempting to make a purchase. If you are in doubt, do not sell! You have the right to refuse the sale.

In addition, ABT agents will be conducting surveys, utilizing underage operatives, to ensure licensed establishments are not selling to underage persons. It is our belief that responsible service of alcoholic beverages saves lives. Please do your part and support our efforts for a safe prom and graduation season.

Thank you in advance for your support of ABT's efforts.

Sincerely,



John R. Powell

Director,

Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco