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NCSLA Goes to Washington, D.C. In June 2012!

The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) will convene June 20-24th at the world-famous Mayflower Renaissance Hotel for its 2012 annual meeting and conference. Serving as the host city for the conference is Washington, D.C.

Who doesn't look forward to Friday afternoons? On the Friday afternoon of the 2012 NCSLA Annual Conference, June 22, 2012, you can look forward to the panel titled "**Deregulation From the Northwest Passage to the Potomac River: What Happens When We Get Out of Control?**"

According to HuffPo (the *Huffington Post* to those of you outside of the Capitol Beltway), "Proponents of liquor privatization in at least eight states hope they can drink their budget deficit pain away." [*Huffington Post*, 01/27/2012]

Out west, Washington is planning to privatize its control system and deregulate its alcohol beverage industry...perhaps. Pennsylvania is considering privatization...yet again. Other States around the country are downsizing their alcohol beverage enforcement staffs, an action mandated by economics or effecting deregulation? Experienced state regulators will explore where we are and where we may be headed as the result of less state-based governmental control over that consumer product that the U.S. Constitution calls "intoxicating liquor."

From this one panel, among the many presentations now scheduled during this 4-day conference, top officials from Washington, Pennsylvania and other states will report on these efforts and the opportunities and issues facing all states.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates on the NCSLA 2012 Annual Conference. Start making your plans NOW to come to Washington, DC from June 20-24, 2012 for this year's annual meeting of the NCSLA! This year's meeting starts with the welcoming event on Wednesday evening, followed by the programs running each day from Thursday morning through Sunday morning. Visit www.ncsla.org to make hotel reservations. Stay tuned for more details on conference registration to be broadcast in the next few weeks.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national organization of state alcohol beverage regulators, founded June 19, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, whose purposes are to promote the enactment of the most effective and equitable types of state alcoholic beverage control laws; devise and promote the use of methods which provide the best enforcement of the particular alcoholic beverage control laws in each state; work for the adoption of uniform laws insofar they may be practicable; promote harmony with the federal government in its administration of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act; and strive for harmony in the administration of the alcoholic beverage control laws among the several states. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.