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Variance No. 1 to Commissioner Rule 701 by the Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Regarding Deadlines for Renewal of Licenses

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Delaware has declared a State of Emergency, as amended, to address the ongoing public health issues surrounding the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Alcoholic Beverage Control has the authority to grant variances to the Rules, based upon a finding of good cause shown;

THEREFORE, notwithstanding anything in Commissioner Rule 701 to the contrary, a variance to the Rule is hereby granted based upon good cause, such that the deadlines to submit requests to renew Delaware liquor licenses and payment of related fees, of April 1, 2020 for liquor licensees in the City of Wilmington and July 1, 2020 for liquor licensees in Sussex County shall be delayed until 30 days after the date that the Governor's State of Emergency related to Delaware liquor licensees is no longer in effect. This delay applies only to holders of Delaware liquor licenses that have due dates to renew their liquor licenses by April 1, 2020 in the City of Wilmington and July 1, 2020 in Sussex County. This variance may be amended or cancelled at any time in writing by this Office. Submissions and payments can be accomplished by mail or private carrier delivery or online application and payment.

It is SO ORDERED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

The Honorable John H. Cordrey, Commissioner

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