

## IMMEDIATE RELIEF



### Pass an Iowa Hospitality Industry Grant Act

Create a state level grant and/or forgivable loan program for Iowa-based restaurants, bars, and other local hospitality venues who have suffered a loss of 25% or more based on sales tax records from the Iowa Department of Revenue. Make one-time use of the taxpayer relief fund and other reserves to save Iowa's Hospitality Industry.



### Grant Sales and Employment Tax Relief

When the state mandated Iowa hospitality businesses closed and limited service models, the Iowa Department of Revenue deferred sales and employment tax payments. Only the Iowa Legislature can forgive these deferrals, offer relief for those who paid despite losses, and extend forgiveness to devastated hospitality businesses through June 2021.



### Waive Liquor License Fees for All On-Premise Service License Holders

Service limitations and closures limited the value of an on-premise alcohol service license in 2020. At the same time, the Iowa ABD reported record sales. On-premise licenses account for less than 6,000 of the nearly 17,000 licenses issued by the Division. The Association is asking for one year of on-premise license extension at no charge.

## Iowa Restaurant Association 2021 Legislative Agenda



Restaurant Industry Sales Forecast for 2020  
The Iowa Restaurant Association projects \$1.4 Billion in sales have been lost due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Iowa's hospitality industry has been on the frontline of the economic havoc wreaked by government-mandated Covid-19 mitigation strategies. With service limitations in place for 10+ months, the industry projects losses of \$1.4+ Billion for 2020.**

**Iowa's Hospitality Industry needs immediate emergency economic assistance.**

**The Iowa Restaurant Association's 2021 legislative agenda offers solutions to limit the projected permanent closure rate of Iowa restaurants and bars to under 20% (approximately 1,000 locations.)**



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## LONG-TERM RECOVERY



### Create consistency for restaurants & bars in the distribution of beer, wine, & spirits.

Iowa's restaurants and bars are mandated to purchase beer, wine, and spirits through inconsistent systems. Allow Iowa's hospitality industry the opportunity to legally purchase all alcohol products for on-premise use and sale in a consistent system which protects the integrity of our three-tier distribution model.



### Amend Cocktails-to-Go Legislation passed in Spring 2020 to allow batching & crowler-style packaging.

When the Iowa Legislature passed the first in the nation Cocktails-to-Go legislation in an abbreviated session in Spring 2020, it was applauded by the hospitality industry. There are several areas of code that need to be modified to simplify compliance and clarify implementation.



### Oppose Peace Officer Status for Iowa ABD Enforcement Officers

Iowa's Alcoholic Beverages Division is the Distributing Profiteer as well as the Regulator and Enforcer and ultimate jury for Iowa's alcohol license holders. Further extending the Division's power to that of "Peace Officer" is an unnecessary overreach.