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Today's Date: 3/25/2024.

Agency: Liquor Control Commission

Rule Number(s): 4301:1-1-56

If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☐

List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

**In-Person Comments:**

Individual(s)/Organization(s)	Rule	Comments
Tim Bechtold/Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio	4301:1-1-56.	
David Raber/Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio	4301:1-1-56.	

**Written Comments:**

Individual(s)/Organization(s)	Rule	Comments

**Consolidated Summary of Comments Received**

Please review all comments received and complete a consolidated summary paragraph of the comments and indicate the rule number(s).

Timothy J. Bechtold, Counsel for Regulatory Affairs for the Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio (WBWAO), expressed the WBWAO's support in rescinding OAC 4301:1-1-56 and wanted to make the Commission aware of a recent study conducted by the Center for Disease Control which found that alcohol-related deaths in the United States have increased 25 percent in five years. Much of the increase is attributed to the Covid pandemic as well as the relaxation of alcohol laws and rules. Mr. Bechtold stressed that much consideration is needed related to the abuse and negative effect of alcohol before decisions are made to expand alcohol's availability.

David A. Raber, General Counsel for the Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio (WBWAO), reiterated WBWAO's support of rescinding OAC 4301:1-1-56. He also wanted to follow up with the Commissioners on a citation case that was heard by the Commission the day prior to this public hearing. Whereby a wholesale distributor sold alcohol to a permit holder whose permit was no longer active. Raber informed the Commission that the WBWAO members are immediately notified of inactive licenses as soon as the WBWAO becomes aware of them. He stated that the WBWAO is actively working with the Division of Liquor Control and the Commission to ensure the association is promptly notified of inactive

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licenses so that alcohol is not sold to these accounts. Mr. Raber believes that the WBWAO membership is doing its best to prevent sales to inactive permit holders, but this has become more difficult since the pandemic.

### **Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)**

*Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s). If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.*

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All comments received during the hearing process were in support of the Commission's decision to rescind the rule. Thus, no further action was necessary.