

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to  
2 encourage its retail alcohol licensees to provide ongoing training to their premises  
3 employees regarding best practices in handling intoxicated patrons.

4 WHEREAS, patrons are entitled to their personal physical safety while on the  
5 premises of these businesses, including interactions with bouncers employed by the  
6 business; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the interest and safety of all patrons that individuals employed  
8 by these businesses maintain order and civility on the premises and receive training on  
9 topics intrinsic to safe conflict de-escalation tactics; and

10 WHEREAS, it is crucial that these employees use effective interpersonal  
11 communication skills when interacting with patrons and engage in safe conflict de-  
12 escalation when necessary; and

13 WHEREAS, too many lives across our nation have been needlessly cut short by bar  
14 and nightclub employees using more force than was necessary to quell a disturbance; and

15 WHEREAS, there are numerous online and in-person options for bar and nightclub  
16 security personnel to gain training and insight related to safely handling intoxicated  
17 persons; and

18 WHEREAS, the states of California, Georgia, New York, and Tennessee have  
19 passed specific laws regulating the occupation of bouncer, the states of Arizona and  
20 North Carolina are working on pending legislation to do so, and many cities have seen  
21 the wisdom in standardizing qualifications for employees in these positions; and

22 WHEREAS, no training requirements currently exist in Kentucky for this  
23 occupational field;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby recognize the need for business

1 patrons to feel safe when on the licensed premises and that responsible business owners  
2 do not want to contribute to the loss of life.

3       ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate hereby urge the Department of Alcoholic  
4 Beverage Control to strongly encourage its retail licensees to provide ongoing training for  
5 bouncers and bartenders on best current practices for dealing with intoxicated patrons;

6       ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
7 Resolution to the Department for Alcoholic Beverage Control.