

## Bar Renewal Update

Due to the financial strain on retail alcohol licensees caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the legislature recently passed HB4004 in its 2020 fourth special session. This bill affords bar licensees the option of deferring payment of the \$2000 renewal fee until August 31, 2020.

**Please note:** If you choose the deferred payment option, you must still meet all other renewal requirements (e.g. submit all necessary paperwork), as **only** the payment may be postponed.

**Important:** If you elect to defer payment and do not submit the renewal fee by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, the bill provides that your license will automatically expire on September 1, 2020.

You may view the bill here: <https://le.utah.gov/~2020S4/bills/static/HB4004.html>

Because DABC's online system requires payment to occur at the time of renewal, you must process your 2020 bar license renewal on paper so that DABC can track which licensees pay on or before June 1, 2020, and which licensees have elected to defer payment until August 31, 2020.

Hopefully, this deferred payment option offers some needed relief at this difficult time.

Please contact your assigned compliance officer if you have any questions or concerns.