

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS REPORT
NEW JERSEY LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION
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The following issues have been “front and center” for NJLBA for the past couple of weeks.

- **Ignition Interlock legislation.** Testified against interlocks being mandated for all DWI offenders. Asked the committee to amend the legislation to remove first time offenders - unless they had a BAC over .15. Committee accepted and passed the amendment.
- **New Fire Code Regulations** - NJLBA worked until the 11th hour to get Commissioner Doria to postpone implementation of the regulations, or to amend the regulations to re-define “nightclub”. Assemblyman Cryan attended the late night meeting with NJLBA and was very strong in his opposition to the regulations. (Please see attached Memo which went to all NJLBA members)
- **S-2266 - Vitale** - legislation that would require all licensees to pay additional fees, and attorney costs to the municipality in order that they can investigate and prosecute violators. NJLBA testified and asked that the bill be held. (See NJLBA testimony) Bill was held.
- **Video Lottery** - Governor Rendell in Pennsylvania has asked that video lottery be expanded to bars, restaurants and taverns to help with “balancing the budget”. NJLBA sent out a press release, calling on Governor Corzine to legalize video lottery in New Jersey. (See attached).
- **Met with American Beverage Institute**, together with other alcohol lobbyists and related groups for a briefing on Interlock legislation and where they believe MADD and the automobile industry are focused on the long haul.