

The Center for Alcohol Policy's 21st **Amendment Essay Contest**

2008 marks the 75th Anniversary of the passage of the 21st Amendment which repealed Prohibition and gave the right to regulate alcohol to the states. The Center for Alcohol Policy as part of its mission to educate the public about the importance of state based regulation of alcohol, believes that this is a great opportunity for all Americans to reflect on how alcohol is regulated in the United States.

As such, the Center for Alcohol Policy believes that America would be well served by an annual essay contest to reflect on the importance of the 21st Amendment to the United States Constitution. This contest will be repeated every year.

This essay contest is intended to solicit a wide range of topics related to issues raised by the 21st Amendment. Submissions can be a narrow study of alcohol case law related to alcohol regulation or a more wide ranging study of other aspects such as the creation of state and local control of alcohol, the improvement in tax collection, the reduction of black markets, the prevention of unsafe/unregulated production, the removal of organized crime, or the importance of having citizens unite to amend the constitution to address a sensitive political issue. The Center for Alcohol Policy looks forward to highlighting and publicizing these and other varied and important achievements of the 21st Amendment through this competition.

Since the repeal of Prohibition (the 18th Amendment) and during the past 75 years, the states have created various alcohol regulatory systems to help address local concerns such as the three-tier system (including brewers, distributors and retailers), dry jurisdictions, hours of sale, alcohol impact areas, credit prohibition, and other regulations related to alcohol.

The Center for Alcohol Policy hopes that this essay contest will foster a wide ranging discussion, examination and collection of the many important achievements of the 21st Amendment on America. By helping to shine a spotlight on the modern relevance of the 21st Amendment, contest entrants

will help the Center for Alcohol Policy publicize the importance of effective state alcohol regulation and the vibrancy of the United States Constitution.

The Center for Alcohol Policy is a 501 C (3) organization previously named the National Beer Wholesalers Education Foundation. Its mission is to educate policy makers, regulators and the public about alcohol, its uniqueness and its regulation. By conducting sound research and implementing initiatives that will maintain the appropriate state-based regulation of alcohol, the Center promotes safe and responsible consumption of alcohol, fights underage drinking and drunk driving and informs the key entities and the public about the effects of alcohol consumption. More information can be found at www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org