

**RESTAURANT BEER AND WINE LICENSE LOTTERY
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 7-8**

HELENA, Montana – The 2007 Legislature passed Senate Bill 296, essentially doubling the number of restaurant beer and wine licenses in cities with a population of more than 5,000. Cities with a population under 5,000 receive an additional four licenses for each quota area.

The number of new licenses advertised in each location were: Billings - 22; Missoula - 12; Bozeman/Belgrade - 12; Kalispell - 10; Helena/East Helena - 7; Hamilton/Pinesdale - 5; Fairfield - 4; Hot Springs - 4; Philipsburg - 4; St. Ignatius - 4; Twin Bridges - 4; Whitefish/Columbia Falls - 10; Darby - 3; Ennis - 4; Eureka/Rexburg - 3; Stevensville - 3; Virginia City - 3; and West Yellowstone – 3

A total of 531 qualified applicants are entered in the lottery vying for a chance at one of the 124 new licenses available.

A lottery will be held for the new licenses at the following dates, times and locations.

August 7, 2007

- **Billings, 9:00 a.m.** Metra Park, Yellowstone Room, 308 6th Avenue North
- **Bozeman, 2:00 p.m.** Best Western Grantree Inn, Aspen Room, I 90 & North 7 Avenue. The following areas will be drawn at this location: Bozeman/Belgrade, West Yellowstone, Virginia City, Ennis, Twin Bridges.

August 8, 2007

- **Helena, 9:00 a.m.** City/County Building, Chambers Room, 316 North Park, Third Floor, Room 330. The following areas will be drawn at this location: Helena/East Helena.
- **Missoula, 2:00 p.m.** Holiday Inn Missoula, Parlor C, Downtown at the Park, 200 South Pattee Street. The following areas will be drawn at this location: Missoula, Stevensville, Hamilton/Pinesdale, Darby, Philipsburg, Kalispell, Saint Ignatius, Eureka/Rexford, Whitefish/Columbia Falls, Hot Springs.

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