



Hospitality MINNESOTA

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Tomorrow - NRA Hosts Webinar on FTC's Surcharge Proposal



Join the Call: Tomorrow, the National Restaurant Association is hosting a **webinar** regarding a new FTC proposal that would prevent operators from including previously accepted and common surcharges on a customer's bill.

Come Prepared: View the NRA's **fact sheet on the FTC proposal** against surcharges ahead of tomorrow's webinar.

Why it matters: The proposal would ban delivery, large party, and credit card processing surcharges and force operators to overhaul menu prices so that the listed price includes the total price a customer must pay. The FTC has even admitted the plan will cost restaurant operators \$3.5 billion to implement.

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Office of Cannabis Management Seeks Input on Rulemaking Survey



The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) is gathering input on a variety of topics as it begins drafting rules regarding cannabis regulations. OCM seeks input through a series of planned surveys.

- OCM's **third survey** is available now! This survey covers retail business operations; retail sanitary standards (facilities and handling); and expedited complaint process for local governments. Deadline to provide input is Dec. 28.

Watch for more opportunities to provide input through these surveys:

- Available Dec. 29–Jan. 12, 2024: Packaging and labeling; integrated cannabis tracking, inventory, and verification system
- Available Jan. 13–Jan. 26, 2024: Licensing; social equity considerations
- NEW! Available Jan. 29–Feb. 11, 2024: Laboratory standards; edible products standards

Take the
Survey

Sign Up for MN DEED Updates on Paid Family Medical Leave



Stay Informed: As Minnesota prepares to implement Paid Family Medical Leave in 2026, it is important for operators to stay up-to-date on what to expect.

If you haven't already, we encourage you to [sign up for MN DEED's Paid Family Medical Leave Updates](#).

Sign Up For
Updates

Take Advantage of our Earned Sick and Safe Time Toolkit



EARNED SICK AND SAFE TIME TOOLKIT

Make Sure You're Prepared! If you haven't yet, make sure to check out our Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) Toolkit on our website's resources section. We encourage all operators to familiarize themselves with Earned Sick and Safe Time requirements before the new regulation's effective date of January 1, 2024.

Utilize the toolkit below to prepare and learn more.

[Check out our ESST
Toolkit](#)

Celebrating the life of longtime HM Member John Rimarcik



Rimarcik, a longtime member of Hospitality Minnesota and restaurateur who owned and operated some 50 restaurants throughout his career -- including the iconic Monte Carlo in Minneapolis -- died Dec. 11 at his home in Minneapolis, from brain cancer. He was 84.

Hospitality Minnesota is thankful for Rimarcik's contributions to our industry and wish his loved ones peace as we approach the holiday season.

[Read More](#)

Join Us For North Stars of the Future



Sunday, January 21, 2024
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Grand View Lodge
Grand Ballroom in the Gull Lake Center
23521 Nokomis Avenue
Nisswa, MN 56468

TICKETS:

includes one beverage and small plate tastings created by ProStart Students and renowned Minnesota chefs

\$50 PER PERSON (TAX DEDUCTIBLE)

\$35 FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

\$15 FOR STUDENTS

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Stars of the Future is a fundraiser that helps support Minnesota's ProStart culinary and management teams as they travel to Baltimore, Maryland next April for the National ProStart Invitational competition.

Invest in our state's future hospitality workforce by supporting Minnesota's champion ProStart students.



Support Hospitality! Join Hospitality Minnesota Education Foundation (HMEF) in Brainerd on Sunday, January 21, 2024, for North Stars of the Future at Grand View Lodge! You won't want to miss this afternoon of small plate tastings created by Minnesota's future hospitality leaders.

The event will include fantastic live and silent auction items. Here's a sneak peek:

Can't make it? Those unable to attend the event are still invited to bid in the silent auction. Our silent auction items will be available prior to the event. Look for a link to the auction in future updates.

[Register](#)

PFAS Chemical Ban Effective Jan 1 - What You Need to Know



What you need to know: Beginning next month, companies and individuals cannot make, knowingly sell, or give away food packaging with PFAS chemicals that are deliberately added and serve a specific purpose, such as an anti-grease agent on food wrappers in Minnesota.

Examples of PFAS products: Certain paper food wrappers, pizza boxes, and take-out containers contain PFAS chemicals with grease-resistant or waterproof coating elements.

Dig Deeper: Hospitality Minnesota urges operators to [check MPCA guidance if they have questions about upcoming PFAS regulations](#).

In The News

- [More regulation is not what Minneapolis businesses need](#) | Star Tribune
- [For 90 years, Jax Cafe in northeast Minneapolis has served up steaks, seafood and memories](#) | Fox 9
- [John Rimarcik, restaurateur who shaped Twin Cities dining, dies at 84](#) | Star Tribune
- [What to know about Minnesota's Jan. 1 ban on PFAS in food containers](#) | Star Tribune
- [Earned Safe and Sick Time law highlights conversation with area legislators - Wadena Pioneer Journal](#) | Wadena Pine Journal
- [Here's the final overall design for the new Minnesota state flag — but tweaks are expected](#) | MPR News

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