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## **DO NOT REFUSE INSPECTIONS** **BY PEACE OFFICERS**

### ***AUTHORITY OF PEACE OFFICERS***

Police officers, sheriff's deputies, and ABC investigators are sworn law enforcement officers (peace officers) with powers of arrest. Whether in plainclothes or uniform, peace officers have the legal right to visit and inspect any licensed premise at any time during business hours without a search warrant or probable cause. This includes inspecting the bar and back bar, storeroom, office, closed or locked cabinets, safes, kitchen, or any other area within the licensed premises. It is legal and reasonable for licensees to exclude the **public** from some areas of the premises. However, licensees cannot and must not deny entry to, resist, delay, obstruct, or assault a **peace officer**. (Secs. 25616, 25753, and 25755 B&P; 148 and 241 (b) PC)

#### ***Criminal Penalty:***

For refusing to permit an inspection, the penalty is a \$100-\$1000 fine and/or one to six months in County Jail. (Sec. 25616 B&P)

For resisting, delaying, or obstructing a peace officer, the penalty is a maximum \$1000 fine and/or maximum one year in County Jail. (Sec. 148(a) PC)

For assaulting a peace officer, the penalty is a maximum \$2000 fine and/or a maximum one year in County Jail. (Sec. 241 (b) PC)

**RESISTING, DELAYING, OR OBSTRUCTING A POLICE OFFICER  
WILL RESULT IN A RIDE TO JAIL!**