

Restaurant Industry Facts

New Mexico

Locations3,500
Employees 83,000
Employees by 2020 90,900

NM Restaurant-Industry

Job Growth by 2020.....9.5%
Restaurant jobs represent 10 % of total employment in New Mexico.

2010 Industry Sales

Projection.....\$2.7 Billion

National

Locations 945,000
Employees 12.7 Million

2010 Industry Sales

Projection.....\$580.1 Billion

Did you know...

- The restaurant industry provides work for more than 10% of those employed in New Mexico?
- The restaurant industry equals more than 4% of the US Gross Domestic Product?
- Every \$1 spent in restaurants in New Mexico generates an additional \$0.95 in sales for other industries in the state
- More than 1/3 of all adults have worked in the restaurant industry at some time during their life?



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RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

Position on Concealed Carry in Restaurants with Liquor Service

BOTTOM LINE MESSAGE:

At one time in New Mexico's history it was legal to bring a gun into a liquor establishment. For very obvious reasons our lawmakers decided it was dangerous to have guns and liquor in the same vicinity and so they passed laws to prohibit the behavior.

TALKING POINTS:

Last year when this legislation was proposed, the New Mexico Restaurant Association was the only entity in opposition. Part of the problem we see for restaurants is the liability. We attempted to get an amendment to limit the liability of the establishment if something were to go wrong with a concealed carry licensee; the legislature stripped the amendments that would protect our members from the additional liability.

Restaurants already have their hands full with the responsibility to know when and how much each patron has had to drink, what their intoxication level is and if their driver's license is authentic, valid, and states their actual birth date. To be responsible for customer's gun carrying habits puts restaurants and servers again in the difficult position of enforcing New Mexico's laws.

What assurances do we have that the concealed carry licensees are better equipped to handle alcohol than the general public? None?

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