

# **State Liquor Authority Licenses Operating Under SAPA Overview**

## **General Description**

The State Liquor Authority (SLA) regulates the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. The SLA maintains offices in New York City, Albany (which serves as the agency headquarters), and Buffalo. The SLA's Licensing Bureau is responsible for the statewide processing of licenses, license renewals, permits and brand label registrations. All must be consistent with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

If a renewal application is filed on time (at least 7 days before the expiration date) and is complete, the licensee will be allowed to "operate under SAPA" if the renewal application is not approved (or disapproved) before the expiration date. SAPA (the State Administrative procedure Act) allows the licensee to continue to operate under the expired license until a decision is made on the renewal application.

## **Data Collection Methodology**

Base information corresponds to that provided, by applicants, on various license applications. Processing time is contingent upon review within the Licensing Bureau.

## **Statistical and Analytical Issues**

Information is entered into the agency's backend system as license applications are received. Correlations could be made for different variables as a user of the data assesses the information.

## **Limitations of Data Use**

The data is straight forward and indicates the facts associated with each license.