

## Multiemployer Pension Plans

Many beer distributors participate in multiemployer defined benefit or pension plans and have met their contribution responsibilities dutifully. However, a number of these plans remain underfunded. These outstanding liabilities threaten the solvency of participating businesses and the retirement security of millions of plan beneficiaries. The recently passed American Rescue Plan Act included a Special Financial Assistance Program for Financially Troubled Multiemployer Plans. Although the Program addresses the financial needs for some of the most troubled plans, it does not address needed systematic reforms.

### NBWA Encourages Congress to:

- ✓ Address withdrawal and partial withdrawal liability.
- ✓ Enact funding rules to allow trustees to address problems before they happen.
- ✓ Update notice and disclosure rules to ensure that both employers and employees understand the financial health of these plans.

## State and Local Tax (SALT)

The 2017 tax law capped deductions for state and local taxes at \$10,000 per year. This cap applied to the business income of many smaller Main Street businesses but not the income earned by C corporations. For pass-through entities, such as S corporations and partnerships, only those businesses operating in states that impose taxes at the *entity level* can take the same deduction as a C corporation. S corporations and partnerships operating in states that impose the taxes at the *individual shareholder level* are subject to the \$10,000 cap and can no longer deduct the total amount of the state and local taxes paid on their business income.

### NBWA Encourages Congress to:

- ✓ Restore the ability of Main Street employers to fully deduct state and local income taxes, like C corporations are permitted to do.
- ✓ Address this disparity and restore the full SALT deduction for Main Street employers by allowing pass-through owners the option of paying income tax at the entity level instead of the individual shareholder level.

## Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)

The TTB is the primary federal regulator of the alcohol industry. Alcohol wholesalers must have a TTB permit, and these businesses rely on the TTB to provide clarity on regulations to operate legally. The TTB is also responsible for:

- Collecting alcohol excise taxes.
- Enforcing the Federal Alcohol Administration Act (FAAA) and other federal laws that promote fair competition, support state alcohol regulation, and prevent tainted alcohol products from reaching consumers.
- Maintaining a level playing field and facilitating a robust and diverse marketplace.

The TTB regulates nearly 100,000 operations in the U.S., including almost 30,000 permitted alcohol distributors and works to enforce fair competition laws. Additionally, the agency protects consumers through enforcement of FAAA laws related to production, permitting, labeling, and marketing. The TTB collects \$176 in tax payments for every \$1 spent, making it the third-largest revenue-generating agency.

### NBWA Encourages Congress to:

- ✓ Support and fully fund TTB so the agency can be responsive to the needs of its regulated businesses.