Bipartisan House bill proposes support for small business improvements

Co-sponsored by Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), this bill would clarify the depreciation rule around business improvements. “A permanent correction restoring the appropriate tax treatment of our improvements will allow our restaurant operators, small and large, to support their employees and expand their businesses,” said Ted Balestreri, a state board member of the CRA. “This legislation will benefit restaurants and local economies throughout the country.”
Updated Industry Insight: ADA Website Compliance

As lawsuits against restaurants increase, make sure your business website is ADA compliant with our updated Industry Insight from CRA legal partner Fisher Phillips. See below for a DigiPro Media member discount.

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McDonald's halts lobbying against minimum wage hikes

While not all in the restaurant industry agree, Genna Gent, McDonald's vice president of government relations, wrote in a letter, "We believe increases should be phased in and that all industries should be treated the same way."

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Should restaurants allow guests to bring their own containers?

Customers want to help reduce trash, but is it safe for them to bring in their own containers? See our video from March 18 about a new California proposal to clarify sanitation for reusable foodware.

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Maryland becomes sixth state to enact $15 minimum wage

The General Assembly decisively overrode the governor's veto of the original bill.

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Learn how to drive success by turning your guest feedback into sales. Join MerchantCentric at booth 206 of the Restaurant Leadership Conference, from Sunday, April 7, to Wednesday, April 10 at the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix, AZ. Stop by and see real time feedback from your guests and your competitors guests.

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CRA Partner Fishbowl Analytics recently released its annual list of concepts to watch. They include up and comer CRA members Urban Plates, True Food Kitchen and Mendocino Farms.

FULL STORY
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