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Online tools for restaurants and bars subject to early-closing order *Division unveils webpage, online application form, and FAQs as part of relief program*

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Division of Taxation today unveiled a new webpage, online application form, and FAQs as part of a relief program announced by Governor Gina M. Raimondo for restaurants and bars that have been ordered to close earlier than usual because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Governor Raimondo developed the relief program to coincide with her Executive Order that mandates early shutdown for bars and restaurants – part of a range of measures aimed at limiting the spread of the coronavirus and reducing the rising number of coronavirus cases.

Using federal Coronavirus Relief Funds, the Governor authorized the payment of grants to the impacted businesses.

Each such grant will range from a minimum of \$2,000 to a maximum of \$10,000. Details of the new program – including an online application form, answers to frequently asked questions, and contact information – are available at: <http://www.tax.ri.gov/RICares/>. (See screenshot below)

The screenshot shows the website for the Rhode Island Division of Taxation. The main heading is "CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND/CARES ACT GRANT PROGRAM FOR RESTAURANTS/BARS WITH LIQUOR LICENSES". Below this, there is a section titled "Grant Program Eligibility and Requirements". The text states: "On November 5, 2020 Governor Gina Raimondo announced a Coronavirus Relief Fund grant program for businesses affected by Executive Order 20-95 which requires an early shutdown for certain bars and restaurants." It also mentions that grants will range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and that users should "Don't miss out - APPLY TODAY!". There is a list of "Who is eligible:" which includes "1. Bar and restaurant owners impacted by the early shutdowns mandated by Executive Order 20-95 issued on November 5, 2020 and effective on". A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as Home, Administrative Decisions, and Advisories. A right sidebar contains "Important Information" with links to FAQs, Advisory, and Governor's Executive Order.

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation office is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. For more information, contact the Division of Taxation at (401) 574-8829 or see <http://www.tax.ri.gov/contact/>.