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Thank you for viewing my submission to the review of the strikes scheme

Let me create a scenario:

1. Young new bar person starts job at hotel after being advised by management the importance of not serving an intoxicated patron.
2. Large patron, slightly aggressive, could be intoxicated demands another drink
3. Nervous young staff member unable to immediately find manager serves the patron to avoid further 'aggravation'
4. Licensing Police on the venue in plain clothes declare the man intoxicated and start proceedings to fine the venue
5. Accountant pays fine along with dozens of other invoices that week
6. Venue incurs a strike
7. Bank is notified and as a part of its covenants increases its interest rate on the venue and requests a revaluation as they are aware venues with a strike cannot sell easily
8. Valuation comes in at lending value ratios outside of the banks parameters
9. Bank force sale of the venue

The above is no exaggeration and entirely possible. Other scenarios have resulted in sales falling through.

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I train my staff about their responsibilities ad nauseum and run a 100% family friendly, community conscious, award winning venue. This doesn't stop police wandering through my venue looking into the eyes of every patron to see if they can 'pin' us. Its nerve racking. We don't want intoxicated people in our venue. Unfortunately this cannot always be stopped due to crowd numbers and numerous other factors.

I believe there should be penalties for venues that allow intoxication however – the 3 strikes scheme has created a monster for venues that are of no risk to the community. I believe this legislation was created for problem venues. The legislation has become a beast of its own to be abused by over enthusiastic licensing police.

Thank you.