Thousands of California bars and restaurants face a rapidly approaching deadline for new alcohol-server training required under the Responsible Beverage Service Training Act, which goes into effect July 1. The law was passed after a series of high-profile deaths linked to drunk driving, including the 2018 crash that killed actor Owen Wilson.

The new training is designed to reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and deaths, and it's part of a broader effort to hold businesses more accountable for the actions of their patrons. Restaurants and bars must provide training to all employees who serve alcohol, and the training must cover topics like recognizing impaired patrons and handling situations that could lead to impaired driving.

The business community has been outspoken in its opposition to the new training requirements, arguing that it's a burden on businesses and that it will lead to higher costs. But the law's supporters, including the families of those who have lost loved ones to drunk driving, say it's a necessary step to protect public safety.

The deadline for compliance falls on the same day as the state's annual summer alcohol awareness campaign, which aims to raise awareness about the dangers of drunk driving and encourage responsible drinking.

Joseph Mama was killed in a crash in 2018, and his family has been pushing for tougher laws since then. "It's still a very emotional time for everyone," said his mother, Michelle Mama. "We're just hoping for some progress and some action on this important issue."