## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL No. $17544^{\sin m^{2} \pi}$ 

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, JUNE 9, 1993

## AN ACT

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, for the payment of certain license fees to the respective municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," providing an exception to the quota system for licenses issued to volunteer fire companies.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. Section $461(a)$ of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended

June 29, 1987 (P.L. 32, No.14) and amended December 7, 1990
(P.L.622, No.160), is amended to read:

Section 461. Limiting Number of Retail Licenses To Be Issued

In Each Municipality.--(a) No licenses shall hereafter be granted by the board for the retail sale of malt or brewed beverages or the retail sale of liquor and malt or brewed beverages in excess of one of such licenses of any class for each three thousand inhabitants in any municipality, exclusive of licenses granted to airport restaurants, municipal golf courses, hotels, privately-owned public golf courses, as defined in this section, and volunteer fire companies and clubs; but at least one such license may be granted in each municipality and in each part of a municipality where such municipality is split so that each part thereof is separated by another municipality, except in municipalities where the electors have voted against the granting of any retail licenses and except in that part of a split municipality where the electors have voted against the granting of any retail licenses. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as denying the right to the board to renew or to transfer existing retail licenses of any class notwithstanding that the number of such licensed places in a municipality shall exceed the limitation hereinbefore prescribed; but where such number exceeds the limitation prescribed by this section, no new license, except for hotels, municipal golf courses, airport restaurants, privately-owned public golf courses and privately-owned private golf course licensees, as defined in this section, and volunteer fire companies shall be granted so long as said limitation is exceeded.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

