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AN ACT

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as 2 reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating 3 and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and 4 5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding 7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the 8 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and 9 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing 10 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, 11 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective 12 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain 13 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure 14 15 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," 16 further providing for definitions, for general powers of 17 18 board, for board to establish State liquor stores, for when sales may be made at Pennsylvania liquor stores, for sales by 19 Pennsylvania liquor stores, for authority to issue liquor 20 licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for license 21 22 districts and license period and hearings, for sale of malt 23 or brewed beverages by liquor licensees; providing for wine expanded permit for restaurant licensees; further providing 24 for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers' and 25 distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for 26 distributors' and importing distributors' restrictions on 27 sales, storage, etc., for retail dispensers' restrictions on 28 purchases and sales, for revocation and suspension of 29 30 licenses and fines and for shipment of wine into Commonwealth; providing for direct shipment of wine; further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and 31 32 33 brewed beverages and licensees, for premises to be vacated by patrons and for moneys paid into the State Stores Fund for 34 use of the Commonwealth. 35

- 1 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 2 hereby enacts as follows:
- 3 Section 1. The definitions of "distributor," "importing
- 4 distributor, " "restaurant" and "retail dispenser" in section 102
- 5 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as The
- 6 Liquor Code, reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32,
- 7 No.14), and amended May 31, 1996 (P.L.312, No.49) and December
- 8 9, 2002 (P.L.1653, No.212), are amended and the section is
- 9 amended by adding definitions to read:
- 10 Section 102. Definitions. -- The following words or phrases,
- 11 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the
- 12 meanings ascribed to them in this section:
- 13 * * *
- "Distributor" shall mean any person licensed by the board to
- 15 engage in the purchase only from Pennsylvania manufacturers and
- 16 from importing distributors and the resale of malt or brewed
- 17 beverages, except to importing distributors and distributors, in
- 18 the original sealed containers as prepared for the market by the
- 19 manufacturer at the place of manufacture, but not for
- 20 consumption on the premises where sold, and in quantities of not
- 21 less than [a case or original containers containing one hundred
- 22 twenty-eight ounces or more which may be sold separately] a six-
- 23 pack consisting of not less than forty-two ounces.
- 24 * * *
- 25 <u>"Food market" shall mean a reputable place of business</u>
- 26 <u>operated by a responsible person or persons of good reputation</u>
- 27 that meets all of the following:
- 28 (1) Principally sells food, specifically dairy, fresh
- 29 produce, fruit, eggs and food products for consumption off the
- 30 premises and supplies for the table.

- 1 (2) Has an area under one roof of five thousand square feet
- 2 to fifty-five thousand square feet of which more than seventy-
- 3 five per centum of its gross floor area is used in the
- 4 preparation, purchase, service, consumption or storage of food,
- 5 food products for consumption off the premises and supplies for
- 6 the table.
- 7 (3) Does not charge a membership fee.
- 8 * * *
- 9 <u>"Grocery store" shall mean a reputable place of business</u>
- 10 operated by a responsible person or persons of good reputation
- 11 that meets all of the following:
- 12 (1) Principally sells food, specifically dairy, fresh
- 13 produce, fruit, eggs and food products for consumption off the
- 14 premises and supplies for the table.
- 15 (2) Has an area under one roof of at least fifty-five
- 16 thousand and one square feet of which more than seventy-five per
- 17 centum of its gross floor area is used in the preparation,
- 18 purchase, service, consumption or storage of food, food products
- 19 for consumption off the premises and supplies for the table.
- 20 (3) Does not charge a membership fee.
- 21 * * *
- "Importing distributor" shall mean any person licensed by the
- 23 board to engage in the purchase from manufacturers and other
- 24 persons located outside this Commonwealth and from persons
- 25 licensed as manufacturers of malt or brewed beverages and
- 26 importing distributors under this act, and the resale of malt or
- 27 brewed beverages in the original sealed containers as prepared
- 28 for the market by the manufacturer at the place of manufacture,
- 29 but not for consumption on the premises where sold, and in
- 30 quantities of not less than [a case or original containers

- 1 containing one hundred twenty-eight ounces or more which may be
- 2 sold separately] a six-pack consisting of not less than forty-
- 3 two ounces.
- 4 * * *
- 5 "Restaurant" shall mean a reputable place operated by
- 6 responsible persons of good reputation and habitually and
- 7 principally used for the purpose of providing food for the
- 8 public, the place to have an area within a building of not less
- 9 than four hundred square feet, equipped with tables and chairs,
- 10 including bar seats, accommodating at least thirty persons at
- 11 one time. The board shall, by regulation, set forth what
- 12 constitutes tables and chairs sufficient to accommodate thirty
- 13 persons at one time. A restaurant liquor licensee may sell wine
- 14 <u>in a quantity not to exceed three bottles in a single</u>
- 15 <u>transaction when possessing a wine expanded permit issued</u>
- 16 pursuant to section 415 to sell wine for consumption off the
- 17 premises.
- 18 * * *
- "Retail dispenser" shall mean any person licensed to engage
- 20 in the retail sale of malt or brewed beverages for consumption
- 21 on the premises of such licensee, with the privilege of selling
- 22 malt or brewed beverages in quantities not in excess of [one
- 23 hundred ninety-two fluid ounces in a single sale to one person,
- 24 to be carried from the premises by the purchaser thereof.] up to
- 25 three six-packs or one twelve-pack and one six-pack in a single
- 26 <u>transaction consisting of not more than two hundred eighty-eight</u>
- 27 <u>ounces for consumption off the premises so long as the original</u>
- 28 <u>containers are in a package, prepared for sale or distribution</u>
- 29 by the manufacturer, of not more than twelve original
- 30 containers.

- 1 * * *
- 2 "Six-pack" shall mean a configuration:
- 3 (1) consisting of up to six bottles or cans which total not
- 4 more than ninety-six ounces; and
- 5 (2) which is to be sold in a single sale and carried from
- 6 the premises by the purchaser.
- 7 * * *
- 8 "Twelve-pack" shall mean a configuration:
- 9 (1) consisting of up to twelve bottles or cans which total
- 10 not more than one hundred ninety-two ounces; and
- 11 (2) which is to be sold in a single sale and carried from
- 12 the premises by the purchaser.
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 2. Section 207 of the act, amended February 21, 2002
- 15 (P.L.103, No.10) and December 8, 2004 (P.L.1810, No.239), is
- 16 amended to read:
- 17 Section 207. General Powers of Board.--Under this act, the
- 18 board shall have the power and its duty shall be:
- 19 (a) To buy, import or have in its possession for sale and
- 20 sell liquor, alcohol, corkscrews, wine and liquor accessories,
- 21 trade publications, gift cards, gift certificates, wine-or-
- 22 liquor-scented candles and wine glasses in the manner set forth
- 23 in this act: Provided, however, that all purchases shall be made
- 24 subject to the approval of the State Treasurer, or his
- 25 designated deputy. The board shall buy liquor and alcohol at the
- 26 lowest price and in the greatest variety reasonably obtainable.
- 27 <u>Such sales and purchases may be to or from persons or entities</u>
- 28 <u>located both in and outside this Commonwealth.</u>
- 29 (b) To control the manufacture, possession, sale,
- 30 consumption, importation, use, storage, transportation and

- 1 delivery of liquor, alcohol and malt or brewed beverages in
- 2 accordance with the provisions of this act, and to fix the
- 3 wholesale and retail prices at which liquors and alcohol shall
- 4 be sold at Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. Prices shall be
- 5 [proportional with prices paid by the board to its suppliers and
- 6 shall reflect any advantage obtained through volume purchases by
- 7 the board. The board may establish a preferential price
- 8 structure for wines produced within this Commonwealth for the
- 9 promotion of such wines, as long as the price structure is
- 10 uniform within each class of wine purchased by the board.] as_
- 11 set forth by the board so long as the price of a particular item
- 12 <u>is uniform throughout this Commonwealth.</u> The board shall require
- 13 each Pennsylvania manufacturer and each nonresident manufacturer
- 14 of liquors, other than wine, selling such liquors to the board,
- 15 which are not manufactured in this Commonwealth, to make
- 16 application for and be granted a permit by the board before such
- 17 liquors not manufactured in this Commonwealth shall be purchased
- 18 from such manufacturer. Each such manufacturer shall pay for
- 19 such permit a fee which, in the case of a manufacturer of this
- 20 Commonwealth, shall be equal to that required to be paid, if
- 21 any, by a manufacturer or wholesaler of the state, territory or
- 22 country of origin of the liquors, for selling liquors
- 23 manufactured in Pennsylvania, and in the case of a nonresident
- 24 manufacturer, shall be equal to that required to be paid, if
- 25 any, in such state, territory or country by Pennsylvania
- 26 manufacturers doing business in such state, territory or
- 27 country. In the event that any such manufacturer shall, in the
- 28 opinion of the board, sell or attempt to sell liquors to the
- 29 board through another person for the purpose of evading this
- 30 provision relating to permits, the board shall require such

- 1 person, before purchasing liquors from him or it, to take out a
- 2 permit and pay the same fee as hereinbefore required to be paid
- 3 by such manufacturer. All permit fees so collected shall be paid
- 4 into the State Stores Fund. The board shall not purchase any
- 5 alcohol or liquor fermented, distilled, rectified, compounded or
- 6 bottled in any state, territory or country, the laws of which
- 7 result in prohibiting the importation therein of alcohol or
- 8 liquor, fermented, distilled, rectified, compounded or bottled
- 9 in Pennsylvania.
- 10 (b.1) To establish the Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program
- 11 <u>subject to the following provisions:</u>
- 12 (1) The board shall establish and administer the Safe Ride
- 13 Home Grant Pilot Program, beginning in the 2015-2016 fiscal year
- 14 and continuing through the 2017-2018 fiscal year to fund local
- 15 <u>initiatives aimed at providing alternative means of</u>
- 16 transportation to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood
- 17 <u>alcohol concentration as set forth in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802</u>
- 18 <u>(relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled</u>
- 19 substance) from any premises, licensed by the board to sell
- 20 <u>alcoholic beverages</u>, to their places of residence. The board may
- 21 work in collaboration with private organizations to implement
- 22 the Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program and may award grants to
- 23 any county, municipality, university or nonprofit corporation.
- 24 The board shall set the maximum amount of any grant under this
- 25 pilot program and no grant may exceed fifty (50%) percent of the
- 26 costs necessary to provide the services.
- 27 (2) The liability of a provider that operates such local
- 28 <u>initiative to persons transported under the Safe Ride Home Grant</u>
- 29 Pilot Program is limited to the amounts required for a motor
- 30 vehicle liability insurance policy under 75 Pa.C.S. Ch.17

- 1 (relating to financial responsibility).
- 2 (3) The board shall develop and publicize an application
- 3 procedure for those eligible to participate in the pilot
- 4 program. In addition, the board shall monitor and evaluate the
- 5 Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program and, upon the conclusion of
- 6 the 2016-2017 fiscal year, present a report of the evaluation to
- 7 the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate and the Liquor
- 8 Control Committee of the House of Representatives and make
- 9 recommendations on the continuation, alteration or expansion of
- 10 the Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program. The final report shall
- 11 be made no later than December 1, 2017.
- 12 <u>(4) The program shall be funded by a five (\$5) dollar</u>
- 13 <u>surcharge</u>, which surcharge shall be levied upon conviction of 75
- 14 <u>Pa.C.S. § 3802.</u>
- 15 (c) To determine the municipalities within which
- 16 Pennsylvania Liquor Stores shall be established and the
- 17 locations of the stores within such municipalities.
- 18 (d) To grant and issue all licenses and to grant, issue,
- 19 suspend and revoke all permits authorized to be issued under
- 20 this act.
- 21 (e) Through the Department of General Services as agent, to
- 22 lease and furnish and equip such buildings, rooms and other
- 23 accommodations as shall be required for the operation of this
- 24 act.
- 25 (f) To appoint, fix the compensation and define the powers
- 26 and duties of such managers, officers, inspectors, examiners,
- 27 clerks and other employes as hall be required for the operation
- 28 of this act, subject to the provisions of The Administrative
- 29 Code of 1929 and the Civil Service Act.
- 30 (g) To determine the nature, form and capacity of all

- 1 packages and original containers to be used for containing
- 2 liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages.
- 3 (h) Without in any way limiting or being limited by the
- 4 foregoing, to do all such things and perform all such acts as
- 5 are deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of carrying
- 6 into effect the provisions of this act and the regulations made
- 7 thereunder.
- 8 (i) From time to time, to make such regulations not
- 9 inconsistent with this act as it may deem necessary for the
- 10 efficient administration of this act. The board shall cause such
- 11 regulations to be published and disseminated throughout the
- 12 Commonwealth in such manner as it shall deem necessary and
- 13 advisable or as may be provided by law. Such regulations adopted
- 14 by the board shall have the same force as if they formed a part
- 15 of this act.
- 16 (j) By regulation, to provide for the use of a computerized
- 17 referral system to assist consumers in locating special items at
- 18 Pennsylvania Liquor Stores and for the use of electronic
- 19 transfer of funds and credit cards for the purchase of liquor
- 20 and alcohol at Pennsylvania Liquor Stores.
- 21 (k) To issue grants to various entities for alcohol
- 22 education and prevention efforts.
- 23 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 24 contrary, to enter into agreements with governmental units of
- 25 this Commonwealth and other states, for the purchase or sale of
- 26 goods and services with, from or to the governmental units. This
- 27 authority includes, but is not limited to, the purchase or sale
- 28 <u>of alcohol.</u>
- 29 (m) To be licensed as a lottery sales agent, as set forth in
- 30 <u>section 305 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91),</u>

- 1 known as the "State Lottery Law," and to take any actions
- 2 authorized by such designation, except that no bond, insurance
- 3 or indemnification may be required from the board.
- 4 (n) To establish and implement a customer relations
- 5 management program for the purpose of offering incentives, such
- 6 <u>as coupons or discounts on certain products, to unlicensed</u>
- 7 customers of the board.
- 8 Section 3. Section 301 of the act is amended to read:
- 9 Section 301. Board to Establish State Liquor Stores. -- (a)
- 10 The board shall establish, operate and maintain at such places
- 11 throughout the Commonwealth as it shall deem essential and
- 12 advisable, stores to be known as "Pennsylvania Liquor Stores,"
- 13 for the sale of liquor and alcohol in accordance with the
- 14 provisions of and the regulations made under this act; except
- 15 that no store not so already located shall be located within
- 16 three hundred feet of any elementary or secondary school, nor
- 17 within a dry municipality without there first having been a
- 18 referendum approving such location. When the board shall have
- 19 determined upon the location of a liquor store in any
- 20 municipality, it shall give notice of such location by public
- 21 advertisement in two newspapers of general circulation. In
- 22 cities of the first class, the location shall also be posted for
- 23 a period of at least fifteen days following its determination by
- 24 the board as required in section 403(q) of this act. The notice
- 25 shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the outside of the
- 26 premises in which the proposed store is to operate or, in the
- 27 event that a new structure is to be built in a similarly visible
- 28 location. If, within five days after the appearance of such
- 29 advertisement, or of the last day upon which the notice was
- 30 posted, fifteen or more taxpayers residing within a quarter of a

- 1 mile of such location, or the City Solicitor of the city of the
- 2 first class, shall file a protest with the court of common pleas
- 3 of the county averring that the location is objectionable
- 4 because of its proximity to a church, a school, or to private
- 5 residences, the court shall forthwith hold a hearing affording
- 6 an opportunity to the protestants and to the board to present
- 7 evidence. The court shall render its decision immediately upon
- 8 the conclusion of the testimony and from the decision there
- 9 shall be no appeal. If the court shall determine that the
- 10 proposed location is undesirable for the reasons set forth in
- 11 the protest, the board shall abandon it and find another
- 12 location. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 13 contrary, the board may operate and maintain stores within other
- 14 businesses, including, but not limited to, supermarkets or large
- 15 retail stores selling packaged foods for human consumption,
- 16 owned by private persons or entities consistent with the
- 17 requirements of this section and under such conditions and
- 18 regulations as the board may enforce. The board may also make
- 19 <u>decisions to relocate and lease stores in more convenient and</u>
- 20 consumer-heavy areas, after consumer trends and market trends
- 21 are analyzed by the board. The board may work with private
- 22 persons or entities, consistent with the requirements of this
- 23 section and under such conditions and regulations as the board
- 24 may enforce, to operate and maintain stores in areas where the
- 25 board concludes a store is needed to meet consumer demand. The
- 26 board may establish, operate and maintain such establishments
- 27 for storing and testing liquors as it shall deem expedient to
- 28 carry out its powers and duties under this act.
- 29 (b) The board may lease the necessary premises for such
- 30 stores or establishments, but all such leases shall be made

- 1 through the Department of General Services as agent of the
- 2 board. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 3 contrary, the Department of General Services shall have no more
- 4 than ninety days from the date the board officially approves a
- 5 lease recommendation to send the final lease packet to the
- 6 appropriate agencies for further processing. The Department of
- 7 <u>General Services shall be required to submit quarterly reports</u>
- 8 to the chairman and minority chairman of the Law and Justice
- 9 Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman
- 10 of the Liquor Control Committee of the House of Representatives,
- 11 <u>indicating the number of lease recommendations approved by the</u>
- 12 board during the preceding quarter, and whether the
- 13 corresponding final lease packets were sent to the appropriate
- 14 agencies within the ninety-day deadline. If the Department of
- 15 General Services fails to regularly submit these quarterly
- 16 reports or fails to regularly meet the ninety-day deadline
- 17 <u>imposed by this subsection</u>, then the General Assembly may
- 18 consider legislation that would allow the board to lease
- 19 premises for its stores without the involvement of the
- 20 Department of General Services. The board, through the
- 21 Department of General Services, shall have authority to purchase
- 22 such equipment and appointments as may be required in the
- 23 operation of such stores or establishments.
- 24 Section 4. Section 304 of the act, amended December 8, 2004
- 25 (P.L.1810, No.239), is amended to read:
- 26 Section 304. When Sales May Be Made at Pennsylvania Liquor
- 27 Stores. -- (a) Except as provided for in subsection (b), every
- 28 Pennsylvania Liquor Store shall be open for business week days,
- 29 except holidays as that term is defined in section 102. The
- 30 board may, with the approval of the Governor, temporarily close

- 1 any store in any municipality.
- 2 (b) Certain Pennsylvania Liquor Stores operated by the board
- 3 [shall] may be open for Sunday retail sales between the hours of
- 4 [noon] <u>nine o'clock postmeridian</u> and [five] <u>nine</u> o'clock
- 5 postmeridian, except that no Sunday sales shall occur on Easter
- 6 Sunday or Christmas day. The board shall open [up to twenty-five
- 7 per centum of the total number of Pennsylvania Liquor Stores at
- 8 its discretion], at its discretion, as many Pennsylvania Liquor
- 9 Stores as it deems necessary for Sunday sales as provided for in
- 10 this subsection. The board shall submit yearly reports to the
- 11 Appropriations and the Law and Justice Committees of the Senate
- 12 and the Appropriations and the Liquor Control Committees of the
- 13 House of Representatives summarizing the total dollar value of
- 14 sales under this section.
- 15 Section 5. Section 305(b) of the act, amended July 6, 2005
- 16 (P.L.135, No.39), is amended and the section is amended by
- 17 adding a subsection to read:
- 18 Section 305. Sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. --* * *
- 19 (b) Every Pennsylvania Liquor Store shall sell liquors at
- 20 wholesale to hotels, restaurants, clubs, and railroad, pullman
- 21 and steamship companies licensed under this act; and, under the
- 22 regulations of the board, to pharmacists duly licensed and
- 23 registered under the laws of the Commonwealth, and to
- 24 manufacturing pharmacists, and to reputable hospitals approved
- 25 by the board, or chemists[.] and shall sell wine at wholesale to
- 26 restaurants licensed under this act and possessing a wine
- 27 <u>expanded permit issued pursuant to section 415 to sell wine for</u>
- 28 <u>consumption off the premises.</u> Sales to licensees shall be made
- 29 at a price that includes a discount of ten per centum from the
- 30 retail price. The board may sell to registered pharmacists only

- 1 such liquors as conform to the Pharmacopoeia of the United
- 2 States, the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic
- 3 Pharmacopoeia. The board may sell at special prices under the
- 4 regulations of the board, to United States Armed Forces
- 5 facilities which are located on United States Armed Forces
- 6 installations and are conducted pursuant to the authority and
- 7 regulations of the United States Armed Forces. All other sales
- 8 by such stores shall be at retail[.], except that incentives,
- 9 <u>such as coupons or discounts on certain products, may be offered</u>
- 10 to unlicensed customers of the board as provided for under
- 11 sections 207(n) and 493(24)(iii) of this act. A person entitled
- 12 to purchase liquor at wholesale prices may purchase the liquor
- 13 at any Pennsylvania Liquor Store upon tendering cash, check or
- 14 credit card for the full amount of the purchase. For this
- 15 purpose, the board shall issue a discount card to each licensee
- 16 identifying such licensee as a person authorized to purchase
- 17 liquor at wholesale prices. Such discount card shall be retained
- 18 by the licensee. The board may contract through the Commonwealth
- 19 bidding process for delivery to wholesale licensees at the
- 20 expense of the licensee receiving the delivery.
- 21 * * *
- 22 (j) If the board becomes a licensed lottery sales agent, as
- 23 set forth in section 305 of the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351,
- 24 No.91), known as the "State Lottery Law," then the following
- 25 shall apply, notwithstanding the provisions of the "State
- 26 Lottery Law":
- 27 <u>(i) The Secretary of Revenue shall permit the board to</u>
- 28 operate and maintain Pennsylvania lottery instant ticket vending
- 29 machines, player-activated terminals and technologies or systems
- 30 <u>subsequently approved by the Department of Revenue for the self-</u>

- 1 <u>service sale of lottery tickets and games in Pennsylvania Liquor</u>
- 2 Stores. The board and the Secretary of Revenue shall mutually
- 3 agree upon the number and location of the stores authorized to
- 4 <u>conduct self-service sales of lottery tickets and games.</u>
- 5 (ii) The board shall not be required to post any type of
- 6 bond prior to conducting self-service sales of lottery tickets
- 7 <u>and games.</u>
- 8 (iii) Any commissions, compensation or any type of incentive
- 9 <u>award based upon the sale of lottery tickets and games shall be</u>
- 10 deposited by the board into the State Stores Fund.
- 11 Section 6. Section 401(a) of the act, amended December 22,
- 12 2011 (P.L.530, No.113), is amended to read:
- 13 Section 401. Authority to Issue Liquor Licenses to Hotels,
- 14 Restaurants and Clubs. -- (a) Subject to the provisions of this
- 15 act and regulations promulgated under this act, the board shall
- 16 have authority to issue a retail liquor license for any premises
- 17 kept or operated by a hotel, restaurant or club to purchase
- 18 liquor from a Pennsylvania Liquor Store and to keep on the
- 19 premises such liquor and, subject to the provisions of this act
- 20 and the regulations made thereunder, to sell the same and also
- 21 malt or brewed beverages to guests, patrons or members for
- 22 consumption on the hotel, restaurant or club premises. Such
- 23 licensees, other than clubs, shall be permitted to sell malt or
- 24 brewed beverages for consumption off the premises where sold in
- 25 quantities of not more than [one hundred ninety-two] two hundred
- 26 <u>eighty-eight</u> fluid ounces in a single sale to one person as
- 27 provided for in section 407[.], up to three six-packs or one
- 28 <u>twelve-pack and one six-pack so long as the original containers</u>
- 29 are in a package, prepared for sale or distribution by the
- 30 manufacturer, of not more than twelve original containers. Such

- 1 licenses shall be known as Hotel Liquor Licenses, Restaurant
- 2 Liquor Licenses and Club Liquor Licenses, respectively. No
- 3 person who holds any public office that involves the duty to
- 4 enforce any of the penal laws of the United States, this
- 5 Commonwealth or of any political subdivision of this
- 6 Commonwealth may have any interest in a hotel or restaurant
- 7 liquor license. This prohibition applies to anyone with arrest
- 8 authority, including, but not limited to, United States
- 9 attorneys, State Attorneys General, District Attorneys, Sheriffs
- 10 and police officers. This prohibition shall also apply to
- 11 Magisterial District Judges, judges or any other individuals who
- 12 can impose a criminal sentence. This prohibition does not apply
- 13 to members of the General Assembly, Township Supervisors, City
- 14 Councilpersons, Mayors without arrest authority and any other
- 15 public official who does not have the ability to arrest or the
- 16 ability to impose a criminal sentence. This section does not
- 17 apply if the proposed premises are located outside the
- 18 jurisdiction of the individual in question.
- 19 * * *
- Section 7. Section 402 of the act is amended by adding a
- 21 subsection to read:
- 22 Section 402. License Districts; License Period; Hearings.
- 23 * * *
- 24 (d) This section shall not apply to wine expanded permit
- 25 holders under section 415.
- Section 8. Section 407(a) of the act, amended June 28, 2011
- 27 (P.L.55, No.11), is amended to read:
- 28 Section 407. Sale of Malt or Brewed Beverages by Liquor
- 29 Licensees. -- (a) Every liquor license issued to a hotel,
- 30 restaurant, club, or a railroad, pullman or steamship company

- 1 under this subdivision (a) for the sale of liquor shall
- 2 authorize the licensee to sell malt or brewed beverages at the
- 3 same places but subject to the same restrictions and penalties
- 4 as apply to sales of liquor, except that licensees other than
- 5 clubs may sell malt or brewed beverages for consumption off the
- 6 premises where sold in quantities of not more than [one hundred
- 7 ninety-two] two hundred eighty-eight fluid ounces in a single
- 8 sale to one person[.], up to three six-packs or up to one
- 9 <u>twelve-pack and one six-pack so long as the original containers</u>
- 10 are in a package, prepared for sale or distribution by the
- 11 manufacturer, of not more than twelve original containers. The
- 12 sales may be made in either open or closed containers, provided,
- 13 however, that a municipality may adopt an ordinance restricting
- 14 open containers in public places. No licensee under this
- 15 subdivision (a) shall at the same time be the holder of any
- 16 other class of license, except a retail dispenser's license
- 17 authorizing the sale of malt or brewed beverages only.
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 9. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 20 Section 415. Wine Expanded Permit for Restaurant
- 21 Licensees. -- (a) (1) Notwithstanding section 492(13) and (14),
- 22 the board may issue a wine expanded permit to a person holding
- 23 <u>and possessing a valid restaurant liquor license.</u>
- 24 (2) Nothing in this section may affect the ability of an
- 25 existing licensee to operate within the scope of its current
- 26 license as authorized by this act, except that no sales of wine
- 27 for consumption off the premises may take place by a wine
- 28 expanded permit holder after eleven o'clock postmeridian of any
- 29 day until eight o'clock antemeridian of the next day, including
- 30 Sundays if the licensee has a permit authorized under sections

- $1 \quad 406(a)(3) \text{ and } 432(f)$.
- 2 (3) No wine expanded permit may be issued to a license
- 3 holder whose underlying license is subject to a pending
- 4 <u>objection by the director of the Bureau of Licensing or the</u>
- 5 board under section 470(a.1), until the matter is decided.
- 6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a holder of a wine
- 7 expanded permit may continue to operate under the permit if its
- 8 <u>underlying license is objected to by the Director of the Bureau</u>
- 9 of Licensing or the board under section 470(a.1), until the
- 10 matter is ultimately decided. Notwithstanding any other
- 11 provision of law, a holder of a wine expanded permit may
- 12 <u>continue to operate under the permit if its underlying license</u>
- 13 <u>is objected by the Director of the Bureau of Licensing or the</u>
- 14 board under section 470(a.1), until the matter is ultimately
- 15 decided.
- 16 (4) Wine sold pursuant to an authorized wine expanded permit
- 17 shall be placed under the roof of the premises in a specifically
- 18 designated area, approved by the board, on the inside perimeter.
- 19 (5) For purposes of selling wine, a holder of a wine
- 20 expanded permit is not subject to section 493(14).
- 21 (6) A wine expanded permit holder shall comply with the
- 22 responsible alcohol management provisions under section 471.1.
- 23 (7) A wine expanded permit holder may store wine in a
- 24 noncontiquous area that is not accessible to the public and is:
- 25 (i) locked at all times when not being accessed by
- 26 licensees' employes;
- 27 (ii) not accessible to employes under the age of eighteen;
- 28 and
- 29 (iii) identified by dimensions and locations on forms
- 30 <u>submitted to the board.</u>

- 1 (8) A wine expanded permit holder shall utilize a
- 2 transaction scan device to verify the age of an individual who
- 3 appears to be under thirty-five (35) years of age before making
- 4 <u>a sale of liquor. A wine expanded permit holder may not sell or</u>
- 5 share data from the use of a transaction scan device, provided
- 6 that the licensee may use the data to show the enforcement
- 7 <u>bureau of the board that the licensee is in compliance with this</u>
- 8 act. As used in this paragraph, the term "transaction scan
- 9 <u>device" means a device capable of deciphering, in an</u>
- 10 electronically readable format, the information encoded on the
- 11 magnetic strip or bar code of an identification card under
- 12 section 495(a).
- 13 (9) Sale of wine by a grocery store or food market, which
- 14 has a restaurant liquor license and holds a wine expanded
- 15 permit, shall be made in a specifically designated area,
- 16 approved by the board, on the inside perimeter through a
- 17 register which is well designated with signage, which is staffed
- 18 at all times by a sales clerk who is at least eighteen years of
- 19 age and has been trained under section 471.1 and which utilizes
- 20 a transaction scan device for the sale. The sale may not occur
- 21 at a point of sale where the customer scans the customer's own
- 22 purchases.
- 23 (b) The application and renewal fee for a wine expanded
- 24 permit shall be as follows:
- 25 <u>(1) For a wine expanded permit issued to licensees, except</u>
- 26 for licensees that are grocery stores or food markets, an
- 27 <u>initial application fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and</u>
- 28 annual renewal fees as follows:
- 29 (i) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a licensee whose total
- 30 annual wine purchase from the board is less than one hundred

- 1 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 2 (ii) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a licensee whose
- 3 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least one
- 4 <u>hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) but less than two hundred</u>
- 5 thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 6 (iii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a licensee whose
- 7 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least two
- 8 <u>hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.</u>
- 9 (2) For a wine expanded permit issued to a grocery store, an
- 10 initial application fee of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for
- 11 grocery stores located in sixth through eighth class counties,
- 12 <u>one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for grocery stores</u>
- 13 <u>located in third through fifth class counties and one hundred</u>
- 14 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for grocery stores located in
- 15 first class, second class and second class A counties and annual
- 16 renewal fees as follows:
- 17 (i) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a licensee whose total
- 18 annual wine purchase from the board is less than one hundred
- 19 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 20 (ii) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a licensee whose
- 21 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least one
- 22 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) but less than two hundred
- 23 thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 24 (iii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a licensee whose
- 25 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least two
- 26 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 27 (3) For a wine expanded permit issued to a food market, an
- 28 initial application fee of twenty-five thousand dollars
- 29 (\$25,000) for a food market located in sixth through eighth
- 30 class counties, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a food

- 1 market located in third through fifth class counties and
- 2 <u>seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for a food market</u>
- 3 located in first class, second class or second class A counties
- 4 and annual renewal fees as follows:
- 5 (i) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a licensee whose total
- 6 <u>annual wine purchase from the board is less than one hundred</u>
- 7 thousand dollars (\$100,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 8 (ii) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a licensee whose
- 9 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least one
- 10 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) but less than two hundred
- 11 thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.
- 12 (iii) Three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for a licensee whose
- 13 total annual wine purchase from the board is at least two
- 14 <u>hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in the prior calendar year.</u>
- 15 <u>(c) The board may accept installment payments from the wine</u>
- 16 expanded permit holder for payment of the initial application
- 17 and renewal fees and charge an installment payment fee.
- 18 (d) A wine expanded permit holder may sell, in a single
- 19 transaction, up to three bottles of wine.
- 20 (e) The board may not grant a wine expanded permit to a
- 21 licensee or a licensee's officers, directors or shareholders who
- 22 have been convicted in any jurisdiction of a felony liquor
- 23 offense. The board may not issue an expanded license to a person
- 24 who has, through an attorney of record, pled or agreed to plead
- 25 quilty, either as an individual or as an officer of a
- 26 corporation, to a criminal charge filed against the person in
- 27 this Commonwealth involving an illegal controlling interest in
- 28 licenses authorized under this act, notwithstanding if the
- 29 record of the plea agreement has been expunged.
- 30 Section 10. Section 431(b) of the act, amended December 8,

- 1 2004 (P.L.1810, No.239), is amended to read:
- 2 Section 431. Malt and Brewed Beverages Manufacturers',
- 3 Distributors' and Importing Distributors' Licenses.--* * *
- 4 (b) The board shall issue to any reputable person who
- 5 applies therefor, and pays the license fee hereinafter
- 6 prescribed, a distributor's or importing distributor's license
- 7 for the place which such person desires to maintain for the sale
- 8 of malt or brewed beverages, not for consumption on the premises
- 9 where sold, and in quantities of not less than [a case or
- 10 original containers containing one hundred twenty-eight ounces
- 11 or more which may be sold separately] a six-pack consisting of
- 12 <u>not less than forty-two ounces which may be sold separately</u> as
- 13 prepared for the market by the manufacturer at the place of
- 14 manufacture. The board shall have the discretion to refuse a
- 15 license to any person or to any corporation, partnership or
- 16 association if such person, or any officer or director of such
- 17 corporation, or any member or partner of such partnership or
- 18 association shall have been convicted or found guilty of a
- 19 felony within a period of five years immediately preceding the
- 20 date of application for the said license: And provided further,
- 21 That, in the case of any new license or the transfer of any
- 22 license to a new location, the board may, in its discretion,
- 23 grant or refuse such new license or transfer if such place
- 24 proposed to be licensed is within three hundred feet of any
- 25 church, hospital, charitable institution, school or public
- 26 playground, or if such new license or transfer is applied for a
- 27 place which is within two hundred feet of any other premises
- 28 which is licensed by the board: And provided further, That the
- 29 board shall refuse any application for a new license or the
- 30 transfer of any license to a new location if, in the board's

- 1 opinion, such new license or transfer would be detrimental to
- 2 the welfare, health, peace and morals of the inhabitants of the
- 3 neighborhood within a radius of five hundred feet of the place
- 4 proposed to be licensed. The board shall refuse any application
- 5 for a new license or the transfer of any license to a location
- 6 where the sale of liquid fuels or oil is conducted. The board
- 7 may enter into an agreement with the applicant concerning
- 8 additional restrictions on the license in question. If the board
- 9 and the applicant enter into such an agreement, such agreement
- 10 shall be binding on the applicant. Failure by the applicant to
- 11 adhere to the agreement will be sufficient cause to form the
- 12 basis for a citation under section 471 and for the nonrenewal of
- 13 the license under section 470. If the board enters into an
- 14 agreement with an applicant concerning additional restrictions,
- 15 those restrictions shall be binding on subsequent holders of the
- 16 license until the license is transferred to a new location or
- 17 until the board enters into a subsequent agreement removing
- 18 those restrictions. If the application in question involves a
- 19 location previously licensed by the board, then any restrictions
- 20 imposed by the board on the previous license at that location
- 21 shall be binding on the applicant unless the board enters into a
- 22 new agreement rescinding those restrictions. The board shall
- 23 require notice to be posted on the property or premises upon
- 24 which the licensee or proposed licensee will engage in sales of
- 25 malt or brewed beverages. This notice shall be similar to the
- 26 notice required of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licensees.
- 27 Except as hereinafter provided, such license shall authorize
- 28 the holder thereof to sell or deliver malt or brewed beverages
- 29 in quantities above specified anywhere within the Commonwealth
- 30 of Pennsylvania, which, in the case of distributors, have been

- 1 purchased only from persons licensed under this act as
- 2 manufacturers or importing distributors, and in the case of
- 3 importing distributors, have been purchased from manufacturers
- 4 or persons outside this Commonwealth engaged in the legal sale
- 5 of malt or brewed beverages or from manufacturers or importing
- 6 distributors licensed under this article. In the case of an
- 7 importing distributor, the holder of such a license shall be
- 8 authorized to store and repackage malt or brewed beverages owned
- 9 by a manufacturer at a segregated portion of a warehouse or
- 10 other storage facility authorized by section 441(d) and operated
- 11 by the importing distributor within its appointed territory and
- 12 deliver such beverages to another importing distributor who has
- 13 been granted distribution rights by the manufacturer as provided
- 14 herein. The importing distributor shall be permitted to receive
- 15 a fee from the manufacturer for any related storage, repackaging
- 16 or delivery services. In the case of a bailee for hire hired by
- 17 a manufacturer, the holder of such a permit shall be authorized:
- 18 to receive, store and repackage malt or brewed beverages
- 19 produced by that manufacturer for sale by that manufacturer to
- 20 importing distributors to whom that manufacturer has given
- 21 distribution rights pursuant to this subsection or to purchasers
- 22 outside this Commonwealth for delivery outside this
- 23 Commonwealth; or to ship to that manufacturer's storage
- 24 facilities outside this Commonwealth. The bailee for hire shall
- 25 be permitted to receive a fee from the manufacturer for any
- 26 related storage, repackaging or delivery services. The bailee
- 27 for hire shall, as required in Article V of this act, keep
- 28 complete and accurate records of all transactions, inventory,
- 29 receipts and shipments and make all records and the licensed
- 30 areas available for inspection by the board and for the

- 1 Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement,
- 2 during normal business hours.
- 3 Each out of State manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 4 whose products are sold and delivered in this Commonwealth shall
- 5 give distributing rights for such products in designated
- 6 geographical areas to specific importing distributors, and such
- 7 importing distributor shall not sell or deliver malt or brewed
- 8 beverages manufactured by the out of State manufacturer to any
- 9 person issued a license under the provisions of this act whose
- 10 licensed premises are not located within the geographical area
- 11 for which he has been given distributing rights by such
- 12 manufacturer. Should a licensee accept the delivery of such malt
- 13 or brewed beverages in violation of this section, said licensee
- 14 shall be subject to a suspension of his license for at least
- 15 thirty days: Provided, That the importing distributor holding
- 16 such distributing rights for such product shall not sell or
- 17 deliver the same to another importing distributor without first
- 18 having entered into a written agreement with the said secondary
- 19 importing distributor setting forth the terms and conditions
- 20 under which such products are to be resold within the territory
- 21 granted to the primary importing distributor by the
- 22 manufacturer.
- When a Pennsylvania manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 24 licensed under this article names or constitutes a distributor
- 25 or importing distributor as the primary or original supplier of
- 26 his product, he shall also designate the specific geographical
- 27 area for which the said distributor or importing distributor is
- 28 given distributing rights, and such distributor or importing
- 29 distributor shall not sell or deliver the products of such
- 30 manufacturer to any person issued a license under the provisions

- 1 of this act whose licensed premises are not located within the
- 2 geographical area for which distributing rights have been given
- 3 to the distributor and importing distributor by the said
- 4 manufacturer: Provided, That the importing distributor holding
- 5 such distributing rights for such product shall not sell or
- 6 deliver the same to another importing distributor without first
- 7 having entered into a written agreement with the said secondary
- 8 importing distributor setting forth the terms and conditions
- 9 under which such products are to be resold within the territory
- 10 granted to the primary importing distributor by the
- 11 manufacturer. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to
- 12 prevent any manufacturer from authorizing the importing
- 13 distributor holding the distributing rights for a designated
- 14 geographical area from selling the products of such manufacturer
- 15 to another importing distributor also holding distributing
- 16 rights from the same manufacturer for another geographical area,
- 17 providing such authority be contained in writing and a copy
- 18 thereof be given to each of the importing distributors so
- 19 affected.
- 20 * * *
- 21 Section 11. Section 441(a), (b) and (i) of the act, amended
- 22 or added June 18, 1998 (P.L.664, No.86), December 9, 2002
- 23 (P.L.1653, No.212) and December 22, 2011 (P.L.530, No.113), are
- 24 amended to read:
- 25 Section 441. Distributors' and Importing Distributors'
- 26 Restrictions on Sales, Storage, Etc.--(a) No distributor or
- 27 importing distributor shall purchase, receive or resell any malt
- 28 or brewed beverages except:
- 29 (1) in the original containers as prepared for the market by
- 30 the manufacturer at the place of manufacture[;], except that a

- 1 <u>distributor or importing distributor may break the bulk of a</u>
- 2 case and sell a unit of that case in quantities of not less than
- 3 a six-pack;
- 4 (2) in the case of identical containers repackaged in the
- 5 manner described by subsection (f);
- 6 (3) as provided in section 431(b)
- 7 (b) (1) No distributor or importing distributor shall sell
- 8 any malt or brewed beverages in quantities of [less than a case
- 9 or original containers containing one hundred twenty-eight
- 10 ounces or more which may be sold separately] not less than a
- 11 six-pack consisting of not less than forty-two ounces which may
- 12 <u>be sold separately</u>: Provided, That no malt or brewed beverages
- 13 sold or delivered shall be consumed upon the premises of the
- 14 distributor or importing distributor, or in any place provided
- 15 for such purpose by such distributor or importing distributor.
- 16 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or act, malt
- 17 or brewed beverages which are part of a tasting conducted
- 18 pursuant to the board's regulations may be consumed on licensed
- 19 premises.
- 20 (2) No distributor or importing distributor shall sell malt
- 21 or brewed beverages in a container containing one hundred
- 22 twenty-eight fluid ounces or more without first requiring the
- 23 purchaser to execute a numbered form providing for the
- 24 purchaser's name and address and such other information as the
- 25 board may prescribe. Following execution of the numbered form,
- 26 the distributor or importing distributor shall affix to the
- 27 <u>container an identification tag that corresponds to the number</u>
- 28 on the form completed by the purchaser. Records required under
- 29 this clause shall be maintained in accordance with the rules and
- 30 regulations of the board. The removal of an identification tag

- 1 <u>in violation of this clause and the rules and regulations of the</u>
- 2 board shall be a summary offense. This clause shall not apply to
- 3 the sale of a container by an importing distributor or a
- 4 distributor to another importing distributor or distributor.
- 5 * * *
- 6 [(i) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary,
- 7 when making a sale of malt or brewed beverages to a private
- 8 individual, no distributor or importing distributor may be
- 9 required to collect the name, address or any other identifying
- 10 information of the private individual for the purpose of keeping
- 11 a record of the quantity of cases or volume of malt or brewed
- 12 beverages purchased.]
- 13 Section 12. Section 442(a)(1) of the act, amended June 28,
- 14 2011 (P.L.55, No.11), is amended to read:
- 15 Section 442. Retail Dispensers' Restrictions on Purchases
- 16 and Sales. -- (a) (1) No retail dispenser shall purchase or
- 17 receive any malt or brewed beverages except in original
- 18 containers as prepared for the market by the manufacturer at the
- 19 place of manufacture. The retail dispenser may thereafter break
- 20 the bulk upon the licensed premises and sell or dispense the
- 21 same for consumption on or off the premises so licensed. No
- 22 retail dispenser may sell malt or brewed beverages for
- 23 consumption off the premises in quantities in excess of [one
- 24 hundred ninety-two fluid ounces.] three six-packs or one twelve-
- 25 pack and one six-pack in a single transaction consisting of not
- 26 more than two hundred eighty-eight ounces for consumption off
- 27 the premises so long as the original containers are in a
- 28 package, prepared for sale or distribution by the manufacturer,
- 29 of not more than twelve original containers. Sales may be made
- 30 in open or closed containers, provided, however, that a

- 1 municipality may adopt an ordinance restricting open containers
- 2 in public places. No club licensee may sell any malt or brewed
- 3 beverages for consumption off the premises where sold or to
- 4 persons not members of the club. A licensee may not sell malt or
- 5 brewed beverages for consumption off the premises at less than
- 6 its acquisition cost.
- 7 * * *
- 8 Section 13. Section 471(b) of the act, amended July 6, 2005
- 9 (P.L.135, No.39), is amended to read:
- 10 Section 471. Revocation and Suspension of Licenses; Fines.--
- 11 * * *
- 12 (b) Hearing on such citations shall be held in the same
- 13 manner as provided herein for hearings on applications for
- 14 license. Upon such hearing, if satisfied that any such violation
- 15 has occurred or for other sufficient cause, the administrative
- 16 law judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the license, or
- 17 impose a fine of not less than [fifty dollars (\$50)] one hundred
- 18 dollars (\$100) nor more than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] the
- 19 greater of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or ten per centum (10%)
- 20 of the average gross monthly sales of alcoholic beverages sold
- 21 by the licensee during the twelve-month period immediately
- 22 preceding the filing of the licensee's renewal application, or
- 23 both, notifying the licensee by registered letter addressed to
- 24 his licensed premises.
- 25 (b.1) If the licensee has been cited and found to have
- 26 violated section 493(1) insofar as it relates to sales to minors
- 27 or sales to a visibly intoxicated person, section 493(10)
- 28 insofar as it relates to lewd, immoral or improper entertainment
- 29 or section 493(14), (16) or (21), or has been found to be a
- 30 public nuisance pursuant to section 611, or if the owner or

- 1 operator of the licensed premises or any authorized agent of the
- 2 owner or operator has been convicted of any violation of the act
- 3 of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled
- 4 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," or of 18 Pa.C.S. §
- 5 5902 (relating to prostitution and related offenses) or 6301
- 6 (relating to corruption of minors), at or relating to the
- 7 licensed premises, the administrative law judge shall
- 8 immediately suspend or revoke the license, or impose a fine [of
- 9 not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] two thousand
- 10 <u>dollars (\$2,000)</u> nor more than [five thousand dollars (\$5,000)]
- 11 the greater of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or ten per centum
- 12 (10%) of the average gross monthly sales of alcoholic beverages
- 13 sold by the licensee during the twelve-month period immediately
- 14 preceding the filing of the licensee's renewal application, or
- 15 both. However, if a licensee has been cited and found to have
- 16 violated section 493(1) as it relates to sales to minors or
- 17 sales to a visibly intoxicated person but at the time of the
- 18 sale the licensee was in compliance with the requirements set
- 19 forth in section 471.1 and the licensee had not sold to minors
- 20 or visibly intoxicated persons in the previous four years, then
- 21 the administrative law judge shall immediately suspend or revoke
- 22 the license, or impose a fine of not less than [fifty dollars
- 23 (\$50)] one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than [one thousand
- 24 dollars (\$1,000)] the greater of two thousand dollars (\$2,000)
- 25 or ten per centum (10%) of the average gross monthly sales of
- 26 alcoholic beverages sold by the licensee during the twelve-month
- 27 period immediately preceding the filing of the licensee's
- 28 <u>renewal application</u>, or both.
- 29 (b.2) The administrative law judge shall notify the licensee
- 30 by registered mail, addressed to the licensed premises, of such

- 1 suspension, revocation or fine. In the event the fine is not
- 2 paid within twenty days of the adjudication, the administrative
- 3 law judge shall suspend or revoke the license, notifying the
- 4 licensee by registered mail addressed to the licensed premises.
- 5 Suspensions and revocations shall not go into effect until
- 6 thirty days have elapsed from the date of the adjudication
- 7 during which time the licensee may take an appeal as provided
- 8 for in this act, except that revocations mandated in section
- 9 481(c) shall go into effect immediately. Any licensee whose
- 10 license is revoked shall be ineligible to have a license under
- 11 this act until the expiration of three years from the date such
- 12 license was revoked. In the event a license is revoked, no
- 13 license shall be granted for the premises or transferred to the
- 14 premises in which the said license was conducted for a period of
- 15 at least one year after the date of the revocation of the
- 16 license conducted in the said premises, except in cases where
- 17 the licensee or a member of his immediate family is not the
- 18 owner of the premises, in which case the board may, in its
- 19 discretion, issue or transfer a license within the said year. In
- 20 the event the bureau or the person who was fined or whose
- 21 license was suspended or revoked shall feel aggrieved by the
- 22 adjudication of the administrative law judge, there shall be a
- 23 right to appeal to the board. The appeal shall be based solely
- 24 on the record before the administrative law judge. The board
- 25 shall only reverse the decision of the administrative law judge
- 26 if the administrative law judge committed an error of law,
- 27 abused its discretion or if its decision is not based on
- 28 substantial evidence. In the event the bureau or the person who
- 29 was fined or whose license was suspended or revoked shall feel
- 30 aggrieved by the decision of the board, there shall be a right

- 1 to appeal to the court of common pleas in the same manner as
- 2 herein provided for appeals from refusals to grant licenses.
- 3 Each of the appeals shall act as a supersedeas unless, upon
- 4 sufficient cause shown, the reviewing authority shall determine
- 5 otherwise; however, if the licensee has been cited and found to
- 6 have violated section 493(1) insofar as it relates to sales to
- 7 minors or sales to a visibly intoxicated person, section 493(10)
- 8 insofar as it relates to lewd, immoral or improper entertainment
- 9 or section 493(14), (16) or (21), or has been found to be a
- 10 public nuisance pursuant to section 611, or if the owner or
- 11 operator of the licensed premises or any authorized agent of the
- 12 owner or operator has been convicted of any violation of "The
- 13 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," or of 18
- 14 Pa.C.S. § 5902 or 6301, at or relating to the licensed premises,
- 15 or if the license has been revoked under section 481(c), its
- 16 appeal shall not act as a supersedeas unless the reviewing
- 17 authority determines otherwise upon sufficient cause shown. In
- 18 any hearing on an application for a supersedeas under this
- 19 section, the reviewing authority may consider, in addition to
- 20 other relevant evidence, documentary evidence, including records
- 21 of the bureau, showing the prior history of citations, fines,
- 22 suspensions or revocations against the licensee; and the
- 23 reviewing authority may also consider, in addition to other
- 24 relevant evidence, evidence of any recurrence of the unlawful
- 25 activity occurring between the date of the citation which is the
- 26 subject of the appeal and the date of the hearing. If the
- 27 reviewing authority is the board, no hearing shall be held on
- 28 the application for a supersedeas; however, a decision shall be
- 29 made based on the application, answer and documentary evidence
- 30 under this subsection. If the application for a supersedeas is

- 1 for a license that has been revoked under section 481(c), the
- 2 reviewing authority shall grant the supersedeas only if it finds
- 3 that the licensee will likely prevail on the merits. No penalty
- 4 provided by this section shall be imposed for any violations
- 5 provided for in this act unless the bureau notifies the licensee
- 6 of its nature within thirty days of the completion of the
- 7 investigation.
- 8 * * *
- 9 Section 14. Section 488 of the act, added February 21, 2002
- 10 (P.L.103, No.10), is amended to read:
- 11 Section 488. Shipment of Wine [into Commonwealth.--(a) The
- 12 shipment of wine from out-of-State to residents of this
- 13 Commonwealth is prohibited, except as otherwise provided for in
- 14 this section.] to Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. -- (a) (Reserved).
- 15 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or law
- 16 to the contrary, a person licensed by another state as a
- 17 producer, supplier, importer, wholesaler, distributor or
- 18 retailer of wine and who obtains a [direct wine shipper] direct-
- 19 to-store wine shipper license as provided for in this section
- 20 may ship up to nine liters per month of any wine [not included
- 21 on the list provided for in subsection (c)] on the [Internet]
- 22 order of any resident of this Commonwealth who is at least
- 23 twenty-one (21) years of age for such resident's personal use
- 24 and not for resale.
- 25 (c) [Each month, the board shall publish on the Internet a
- 26 list of all classes, varieties and brands of wine available for
- 27 sale in the Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. A person holding a
- 28 direct shipper license may ship only those classes, varieties
- 29 and brands of wine not included on the list at the time an
- 30 Internet order is placed.] (Reserved).

- 1 (d) [An out-of-State] <u>A direct-to-store</u> wine shipper shall:
- 2 (1) Not ship more than nine liters per month on the Internet
- 3 order of any person in this Commonwealth.
- 4 (2) Report to the board each year the total <u>amount</u> of wine
- 5 shipped [into this Commonwealth] to Pennsylvania Liquor Stores
- 6 in the preceding calendar year.
- 7 (3) Permit the board, the enforcement bureau or the
- 8 Secretary of Revenue, or their designated representatives, to
- 9 perform an audit of the [out-of-State] <u>direct-to-store</u> wine
- 10 shipper's records upon request.
- 11 (4) Be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the
- 12 board, any other State agency and the courts of this
- 13 Commonwealth for purposes of enforcement of this section and any
- 14 related laws, rules or regulations.
- 15 (e) A [direct] direct-to-store wine shipper may ship wine on
- 16 the [Internet] order of a resident into this Commonwealth
- 17 provided that the wine is shipped to a Pennsylvania Liquor Store
- 18 selected by the resident. The wine will be subject to taxes in
- 19 the same manner as wine sold directly by the board. The wine
- 20 will not be released by the State store until all moneys due,
- 21 including all taxes and fees, have been paid by the resident.
- 22 (f) A person shall sign an affidavit provided by the
- 23 Pennsylvania Liquor Store where the wine was delivered to
- 24 stating that the wine will only be used for the person's
- 25 personal use. Any person who resells wine obtained under this
- 26 section commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- 27 (g) The board may promulgate such rules and regulations as
- 28 are necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this
- 29 section. The board may charge the resident a fee to cover the
- 30 cost associated with processing the [Internet] order.

- 1 (h) The board shall submit [monthly] <u>annual</u> reports to the
- 2 Appropriations Committee and the Law and Justice Committee of
- 3 the Senate and to the Appropriations Committee and the Liquor
- 4 Control Committee of the House of Representatives summarizing
- 5 the number of [direct] <u>direct-to-store wine</u> shipper licenses
- 6 issued by the board, the quantity of wine sold and shipped by
- 7 <u>direct-to-store wine shipper licensees</u> pursuant to this section
- 8 and the total dollar value of sales under this section.
- 9 (i) The term "wine" as used in this section shall mean
- 10 liquor which is fermented from [grapes and other fruits, having
- 11 alcoholic content of twenty-four per centum or less. The term
- 12 "wine" shall not include malt or brewed beverages nor shall wine
- 13 include any products containing alcohol derived from malt,
- 14 grain, cereal, molasses or cactus] an agricultural commodity as
- 15 that term is defined in section 505.2(c).
- 16 Section 15. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 17 Section 489. Direct Shipment of Wine. -- (a) Notwithstanding
- 18 any other provision of law to the contrary, a person licensed by
- 19 the board or another state as a producer of wine, and who
- 20 <u>obtains a license as provided for in this section, may ship up</u>
- 21 to eighteen liters per month of any wine on the order of any
- 22 <u>resident of this Commonwealth who is at least twenty-one (21)</u>
- 23 years of age for such resident's personal use and not for
- 24 <u>resale.</u>
- 25 (b) Prior to issuing such a license, the board shall require
- 26 the person seeking the license to:
- 27 (1) File an application with the board.
- 28 (2) Pay a registration fee of one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 29 (3) Provide to the board a copy of the applicant's current
- 30 alcoholic beverage license issued by the board or another state,

- 1 <u>if applicable</u>.
- 2 (4) Provide documentation to the board which evidences that
- 3 the applicant has obtained a sales tax license from the
- 4 <u>Department of Revenue.</u>
- 5 (5) Obtain a tax bond, in the amount of one thousand dollars
- 6 (\$1,000), such that if the licensee does not pay the taxes
- 7 <u>imposed under this section when due, the surety of the bond</u>
- 8 shall pay all taxes and any related penalties, and any interest
- 9 that may be due or become due.
- 10 (6) Provide the board with any other information that the
- 11 board deems necessary and appropriate.
- 12 <u>(c) The licensee shall:</u>
- 13 (1) Require proof of age of the recipient, in a manner or
- 14 format approved by the board, before any wine is shipped to a
- 15 resident of this Commonwealth.
- 16 (2) Ensure that all boxes or exterior containers of wine
- 17 shipped directly to a resident of this Commonwealth are
- 18 conspicuously labeled with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL:
- 19 SIGNATURE OF PERSON 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR
- 20 DELIVERY."
- 21 (3) Ensure that shipments shall be delivered by an entity
- 22 <u>holding a valid transporter-for-hire license issued by the board</u>
- 23 and that such transporter-for-hire shall not deliver any wine
- 24 unless the transporter-for-hire does all of the following:
- 25 (i) Obtains the signature of the recipient of the wine upon
- 26 delivery.
- 27 <u>(ii) Verifies by inspecting a valid form of photo</u>
- 28 <u>identification</u>, as provided for in section 495(a), that the
- 29 recipient is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- 30 (iii) Determines that the recipient is not visibly

- 1 <u>intoxicated at the time of delivery.</u>
- 2 (4) On a quarterly basis, remit to the Department of Revenue
- 3 all taxes due on sales to residents of this Commonwealth.
- 4 (5) Permit the board, the enforcement bureau or the
- 5 <u>Secretary of Revenue</u>, or their designated representatives, to
- 6 perform an audit of the licensee's records upon request.
- 7 (6) Be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the
- 8 board, any other State agency and the courts of this
- 9 Commonwealth for purposes of enforcement of this section and any
- 10 related laws, rules or regulations, including the collection and
- 11 remission of taxes as required under this section.
- 12 <u>(7) Annually renew its license by paying a renewal fee</u>
- 13 <u>established by the board and report to the board, at the time of</u>
- 14 renewal, the total amount of wine shipped to residents of this
- 15 <u>Commonwealth in the preceding calendar year.</u>
- 16 <u>(d) Wine delivered under the authority of this section is</u>
- 17 subject to the sales and use tax imposed by section 202 of the
- 18 act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code
- 19 of 1971, the sales and use tax imposed by Article XXXI-B of the
- 20 <u>act of July 28, 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the Second</u>
- 21 Class County Code, the sales and use tax imposed by the act of
- 22 <u>February 12, 2004 (P.L.73, No.11), known as the</u>
- 23 Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act for Cities of the
- 24 Second Class, and the emergency State tax imposed on wines sold
- 25 by the board under the act of June 9, 1936 (1st Sp.Sess.,
- 26 P.L.13, No.4), entitled "An act imposing an emergency State tax
- 27 on liquor, as herein defined, sold by the Pennsylvania Liquor
- 28 Control Board; providing for the collection and payment of such
- 29 tax; and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue and the
- 30 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board."

- 1 (e) A transporter-for-hire shall:
- 2 (1) keep records as required under section 512 pertaining to
- 3 the direct shipment of wine; and
- 4 (2) permit the board and the enforcement bureau, or their
- 5 <u>designated representatives</u>, to inspect such records in
- 6 accordance with section 513.
- 7 (f) Any person who resells wine obtained under this section
- 8 commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.
- 9 (g) Shipments of wine to persons in this Commonwealth from
- 10 persons who do not possess a license from the board authorizing
- 11 such shipments are prohibited. Any person who knowingly makes,
- 12 participates in, transports, imports or receives such shipment
- 13 commits a misdemeanor.
- 14 (h) The board shall submit annual reports to the
- 15 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Law and Justice
- 16 Committee of the Senate and to the Appropriations Committee of
- 17 the House of Representatives and the Liquor Control Committee of
- 18 the House of Representatives summarizing the number of licenses
- 19 issued by the board under this section, the quantity of wine
- 20 sold and shipped by licensees pursuant to this section, and the
- 21 total dollar value of sales under this section.
- 22 (i) The board may promulgate such rules and regulations as
- 23 are necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this
- 24 section.
- 25 (j) The term "wine" as used in this section shall mean
- 26 liquor which is fermented from an agricultural commodity as that
- 27 term is defined in section 505.2(c).
- Section 16. Section 493(24) of the act, amended November 29,
- 29 2006 (P.L.1421, No.155), is amended and the section is amended
- 30 by adding clauses to read:

- 1 Section 493. Unlawful Acts Relative to Liquor, Malt and
- 2 Brewed Beverages and Licensees. -- The term "licensee," when used
- 3 in this section, shall mean those persons licensed under the
- 4 provisions of Article IV, unless the context clearly indicates
- 5 otherwise.
- 6 It shall be unlawful--
- 7 * * *
- 8 (24) (i) Things of Value Offered as Inducement. Except as
- 9 provided in subclause (ii), for any licensee under the
- 10 provisions of this article, or the board or any manufacturer, or
- 11 any employe or agent of a manufacturer, licensee or of the
- 12 board, to offer to give anything of value or to solicit or
- 13 receive anything of value as a premium for the return of caps,
- 14 stoppers, corks, stamps or labels taken from any bottle, case,
- 15 barrel or package containing liquor or malt or brewed beverage,
- 16 or to offer or give or solicit or receive anything of value as a
- 17 premium or present to induce directly the purchase of liquor or
- 18 malt or brewed beverage, or for any licensee, manufacturer or
- 19 other person to offer or give to trade or consumer buyers any
- 20 prize, premium, gift or other inducement to purchase liquor or
- 21 malt or brewed beverages, except advertising novelties of
- 22 nominal value which the board shall define. This section shall
- 23 not prevent any manufacturer or any agent of a manufacturer from
- 24 offering and honoring coupons which offer monetary rebates on
- 25 purchases of wines and spirits through State Liquor Stores or
- 26 purchases of malt or brewed beverages through distributors and
- 27 importing distributors in accordance with conditions or
- 28 regulations established by the board. The board may redeem
- 29 coupons offered by a manufacturer or an agent of a manufacturer
- 30 at the time of purchase. Coupons offered by a manufacturer or an

- 1 agent of a manufacturer shall not be redeemed without proof of
- 2 purchase. This section shall not apply to the return of any
- 3 monies specifically deposited for the return of the original
- 4 container to the owners thereof.
- 5 (ii) Notwithstanding subclause (i) or any other provision of
- 6 law, a holder of a restaurant license that is also approved to
- 7 hold a slot machine license or a conditional slot machine
- 8 license under 4 Pa.C.S. Part II (relating to gaming) may give
- 9 liquor and malt or brewed beverages free of charge to any person
- 10 actively engaged in playing a slot machine.
- 11 (iii) Notwithstanding subclause (i) or any other provision
- 12 of law, the board may establish and implement a customer
- 13 relations management program for the purpose of offering
- 14 <u>incentives</u>, such as coupons or discounts on certain products
- 15 which may be conditioned upon the purchase of liquor, to
- 16 unlicensed customers of the board.
- 17 * * *
- 18 (35) Sale of wine received by direct-to-store or direct
- 19 shipment. For any licensee to sell or offer to sell any wine
- 20 purchased or acquired, directly or indirectly, from a licensee
- 21 pursuant to the authority of section 488, or from a licensee
- 22 pursuant to the authority of section 489.
- 23 (36) Sale of Unauthorized Wine. -- For any wine expanded
- 24 permit holder, servants, agents or employes of the permit holder
- 25 to offer for sale, sell or cause to be sold any wine or any size
- 26 container or quantity of wine, other than that which is
- 27 <u>specifically authorized by the permit. Any wine that is offered</u>
- 28 for sale, sold or caused to be sold in violation of this clause
- 29 <u>shall be subject to seizure by the enforcement bureau pursuant</u>
- 30 to the provisions of section 211(3) or, where appropriate,

- 1 <u>forfeited to the Commonwealth in the manner prescribed in</u>
- 2 Article VI.
- 3 Section 17. Section 499(a.1) of the act, amended October 5,
- 4 1994 (P.L.522, No.77), is amended to read:
- 5 Section 499. Premises to be Vacated by Patrons. --* * *
- 6 (a.1) Subsection(a) shall not apply to sales of malt and
- 7 brewed beverages for consumption off the premises when the
- 8 following conditions are met:
- 9 (1) no licensee may sell malt or brewed beverages in excess
- 10 of [one hundred ninety-two fluid ounces in any one sale for
- 11 consumption off the premises] three six-packs or one twelve-pack
- 12 and one six-pack in a single transaction consisting of not more
- 13 than two hundred eighty-eight ounces for consumption off the
- 14 premises so long as the original containers are in a package,
- 15 prepared for sale or distribution by the manufacturer, of not
- 16 more than twelve original containers;
- 17 (2) sales and service of malt and brewed beverages for
- 18 consumption off the premises are made prior to the designated
- 19 time the licensee is required by this act to cease serving
- 20 liquor, malt or brewed beverages;
- 21 (3) persons who have purchased malt and brewed beverages for
- 22 consumption off the premises shall remove the malt and brewed
- 23 beverages from the premises by the designated time as contained
- 24 in this act that patrons are required to vacate the premises;
- 25 (4) no club licensee may sell any malt or brewed beverage
- 26 for consumption off the premises where sold or to any persons
- 27 who are not members of the club.
- 28 * * *
- Section 18. Section 802 of the act, amended May 28, 1993
- 30 (P.L.42, No.13), April 29, 1994 (P.L.212, No.30) and July 11,

- 1 1996 (P.L.654, No.111), is amended to read:
- 2 Section 802. Moneys Paid Into The State Stores Fund for Use
- 3 of the Commonwealth.--(a) All moneys, except fees to be paid
- 4 into the Liquor License Fund as provided by section 801,
- 5 collected, received or recovered under the provisions of this
- 6 act for license fees, permit fees, filing fees and registration
- 7 fees, from forfeitures, sales of forfeited property, compromise
- 8 penalties and sales of liquor and alcohol at the Pennsylvania
- 9 Liquor Stores, shall be paid into the State Treasury through the
- 10 Department of Revenue into a special fund to be known as "The
- 11 State Stores Fund."
- 12 (c) Two <u>and one-half</u> per centum of annual profits from the
- 13 sale of liquor and alcohol shall be annually transferred to the
- 14 Department of Health for use by the Office of Drug and Alcohol
- 15 Programs, or its successor in function, for the following
- 16 purposes:
- 17 (1) Treatment and rehabilitation of persons addicted to the
- 18 excessive use of alcoholic beverages.
- 19 (2) Promotion of education, prevention and early
- 20 intervention programs designed to eliminate abuse and addiction
- 21 to alcohol or other mood-altering substances or secure
- 22 appropriate treatment for the already addicted.
- 23 (3) Study of the problem of addiction.
- 24 (d) All other moneys in such fund shall be available for the
- 25 purposes for which they are appropriated by law.
- 26 (e) Annually, the General Assembly shall make an
- 27 appropriation from the State Stores Fund to provide for the
- 28 operational expenses of the enforcement bureau.
- 29 (f) Any moneys in the State Stores Fund, from time to time,
- 30 which may not be required for any of the purposes specified in

- 1 this act or in the act of December 20, 1933 (Sp.Sess., P.L.89,
- 2 No.15), entitled "An act appropriating the moneys in The State
- 3 Stores Fund," shall be paid over into the General Fund and shall
- 4 be available for the payment of appropriations made from the
- 5 General Fund. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, with the
- 6 approval of the Governor, shall, from time to time, fix the
- 7 amount of money which may be so paid over into the General Fund
- 8 and by its requisition shall direct the Department of the
- 9 Auditor General and the Treasury Department to transfer such
- 10 moneys from the State Stores Fund to the General Fund. The
- 11 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board shall, immediately upon voting
- 12 to pay over any moneys from the State Stores Fund to the General
- 13 Fund, notify the chairman and minority chairman of the
- 14 Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the chairman and
- 15 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House
- 16 of Representatives of such transfer of moneys.
- 17 (g) The sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be
- 18 transferred from The State Stores Fund in accordance with
- 19 subsection (f) to the Children's Health Fund for health care for
- 20 indigent children established by section 1296 of the act of
- 21 March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the "Tax Reform Code of
- 22 1971," to carry out the provisions of the act of December 2,
- 23 1992 (P.L.741, No.113), known as the "Children's Health Care
- 24 Act," for the fiscal year July 1, 1996, to June 30, 1997. Funds
- 25 transferred under this subsection shall not be subject to the
- 26 limitation set forth in section 3101 of the "Children's Health
- 27 Care Act."
- 28 Section 19. This act shall take effect in 60 days.