THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 963

Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, VOGEL, DUSH AND PENNYCUICK, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and 2 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and 3 changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and 4 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, 5 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding 6 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the 7 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 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; 15 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in 16 distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire 17 and transporters for hire, further providing for limited 18 19 wineries. 20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 21 hereby enacts as follows: 22 Section 1. Section 505.2(a) of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding 24 a clause to read:
- 25 Section 505.2. Limited Wineries.--(a) In the interest of
- 26 promoting tourism and recreational development in Pennsylvania,

- 1 holders of a limited winery license may:
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- 3 (7) At the discretion of the board, obtain a farm winery
- 4 <u>distillers permit. The permit shall entitle the holder to</u>
- 5 <u>distill brandy for the purposes of fermenting wine. The holder</u>
- 6 shall only be permitted to use grapes and other fruits grown on
- 7 the premises for the production of brandy. The holder shall not
- 8 <u>sell or transfer the distilled brandy to any individual or</u>
- 9 <u>business within this Commonwealth. A farm winery distillers</u>
- 10 permit shall be issued upon proper application and payment of an
- 11 annual fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). Except as
- 12 provided in this subsection, limited wineries utilizing farm
- 13 winery distillers permits shall be governed by all applicable
- 14 provisions of this act as well as by all applicable regulations
- 15 promulgated by the board.
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- 17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.