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STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Daryl D. Metcalfe  
12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

DATE: January 25, 2011

RE: Proposed Legislation  
Amending the Liquor Code

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In the near future I plan to introduce legislation amending the Liquor Code.

This legislation makes changes to the types of liquor licenses available. Currently, all taverns and restaurants, regardless of the amount of food they sell, obtain a restaurant liquor license. These restaurant liquor licenses are subject to a county quota of one license per 3,000 inhabitants of the county. This makes it very difficult for a small businessman or woman to obtain a restaurant liquor license. In many of Pennsylvania's smaller counties, there are very few restaurant liquor licenses allowed and those that are for sale are exorbitantly expensive.

This legislation will create a tavern license that will go to those establishments that have combined food and beverage sales of less than 50% of its combined gross sales of food and alcoholic beverages. This new tavern license would be subject to the quota. The current restaurant liquor licenses will only be for those establishments with sales of food and non-alcoholic beverages equal to 50% or more of its combined gross sales of food and alcoholic beverages. The restaurant licenses will also be removed from the quota to allow for better access for small business people to more reasonably priced licenses.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jessica Smith in my office at 783-1707 or via email at [jasmith@pahousegop.com](mailto:jasmith@pahousegop.com).

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