

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DEASY, DELLOSO, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS,  
BURGOS, NEILSON, OTTEN AND N. NELSON, MARCH 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and  
3 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and  
4 changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and  
5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession,  
6 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding  
7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic  
8 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the  
9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing  
11 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores,  
12 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective  
13 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain  
14 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure  
15 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures;  
16 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in  
17 distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire  
18 and transporters for hire, establishing the Pennsylvania  
19 Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
21 hereby enacts as follows:

22 Section 1. The act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known  
23 as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

24 Section 505.5. Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry  
25 Promotion Board.--(a) The Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits  
26 Industry Promotion Board is established.

1 (b) The Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion  
2 Board shall be composed of the following members:

3 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

4 (2) Four members appointed by the General Assembly as  
5 follows:

6 (i) One individual appointed by the President pro tempore of  
7 the Senate.

8 (ii) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
9 Senate.

10 (iii) One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House  
11 of Representatives.

12 (iv) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
13 House of Representatives.

14 (c) Each member must be a resident of this Commonwealth and  
15 have substantial experience or expertise in the Pennsylvania  
16 distilleries industry.

17 (d) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the  
18 appointing authority.

19 (e) The Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion  
20 Board has the following powers and duties:

21 (1) Make recommendations to the board to award grants to  
22 entities for the purpose of increasing the production of  
23 Pennsylvania-made spirits and enhancing the Pennsylvania  
24 distilled spirits industry through promotion, marketing and  
25 research-based programs and projects. Grants shall be awarded  
26 through a competitive grant review process. The application for  
27 a grant shall include the following information:

28 (i) Purpose for which the grant will be utilized.

29 (ii) Need for the grant.

30 (iii) Estimated budget.

1 (iv) Method for measuring outcome.

2 (v) Other criteria required by the Pennsylvania Distilled  
3 Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

4 (2) Require each grant recipient to provide full and  
5 complete access to all records relating to the performance of  
6 the grant and to submit accurate information.

7 (3) Conduct a thorough annual evaluation of each program for  
8 which a grant under this section is made.

9 (4) Seek repayment of money upon a determination that the  
10 money was not utilized for the original stated purpose.

11 (5) Submit an annual report to the General Assembly  
12 detailing all grants and other actions.

13 (f) The Department of Agriculture shall assist the  
14 Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board in  
15 carrying out its powers and duties.

16 (g) Annually, the board shall allocate the amount of one  
17 million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of awarding grants  
18 under subsection (e) (1).

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.