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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 9, 2017

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 2 malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating 3 and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and 5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, 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 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," in 16 licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and 17 brewed beverages, providing for wine or spirits enhanced 18 permits. 19 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 417. Wine or Spirits Enhanced Permits. -- (a) (1) 25 The board shall issue a wine or spirits enhanced permit to a

person holding and possessing a valid distributor or importing

- 1 distributor license. Nothing in this section shall be construed
- 2 to prohibit a person possessing a valid distributor or importing
- 3 distributor license from acquiring both a wine enhanced permit
- 4 <u>and a spirits enhanced permit.</u>
- 5 (2) Nothing in this section may affect the ability of an
- 6 <u>existing licensee to operate within the scope of its current</u>
- 7 <u>license as authorized by this act, except that no sales of wine</u>
- 8 or spirits may take place by an enhanced permit holder after
- 9 <u>eleven o'clock postmeridian of any day until eight o'clock</u>
- 10 antemeridian of the next day.
- 11 (3) No wine or spirits enhanced permit may be issued to a
- 12 <u>license holder whose underlying license is subject to a pending</u>
- 13 <u>objection by the director of the Bureau of Licensing or the</u>
- 14 board under section 470(a.1), until the matter is decided.
- 15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a holder of a wine
- 16 or spirits enhanced permit may continue to operate under the
- 17 permit if its underlying license is objected to by the director
- 18 of the Bureau of Licensing or the board under section 470(a.1),
- 19 <u>until the matter is decided.</u>
- 20 (4) A wine or spirits enhanced permit holder must be in
- 21 compliance with the responsible alcohol management provisions
- 22 under section 471.1.
- 23 (5) A wine or spirits enhanced permit holder shall utilize a
- 24 transaction scan device to verify the age of an individual who
- 25 appears to be under thirty-five years of age before making a
- 26 sale of WINE OR spirits. A wine or spirits enhanced permit
- 27 holder may not sell or share data from the use of a transaction

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- 28 scan device, provided that the licensee may use the data to show
- 29 the enforcement bureau of the board that the licensee is in
- 30 compliance with this act. As used in this paragraph, the term

- 1 "transaction scan device" means a device capable of deciphering,
- 2 <u>in an electronically readable format, the information encoded on</u>
- 3 the magnetic strip or bar code of an identification card under
- 4 section 495(a).
- 5 (b) The initial application fee and renewal fees shall be as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (1) The initial application fee for a wine enhanced permit
- 8 <u>issued to a licensee shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000).</u>
- 9 (2) The annual renewal fee for a wine enhanced permit shall
- 10 be equal to two per centum of the costs of wine purchased from
- 11 the board.
- 12 (3) The initial application fee for a spirits enhanced
- 13 permit issued to a licensee shall be five thousand dollars
- 14 <u>(\$5,000)</u>.
- 15 (4) The annual renewal fee for a spirits enhanced permit
- 16 <u>shall be equal to two per centum of the costs of wine SPIRITS</u>
- 17 <u>purchased from the board.</u>
- 18 (c) A wine or spirits enhanced permit holder may sell
- 19 unlimited quantities of wine or spirits.
- 20 (d) All fees paid to the board under this section shall be
- 21 deposited into the General Fund.
- 22 (e) A wine or spirits enhanced permit holder selling wine or
- 23 spirits shall be considered a Pennsylvania Liquor Store for
- 24 purposes of collecting and remitting the taxes under Article II
- 25 of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax
- 26 Reform Code of 1971.
- 27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.