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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1004** Session of  
1983

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INTRODUCED BY WILLIAMS, CARN, KOSINSKI, LINTON, FEE, RAPPAPORT,  
WILSON, EVANS, O'DONNELL, MANDERINO, DEAL, HARPER,  
RICHARDSON, WARGO, OLIVER, CORDISCO, MRKONIC, McVERRY,  
MILLER, GRUITZA, PISTELLA, FATTAH, PRESTON, DeLUCA, COHEN,  
WIGGINS, BARBER, MISCEVICH, DeWEESE, HOEFFEL, BLAUM, TIGUE,  
CAWLEY, SWEET, MARMION, POTT AND R. C. WRIGHT, MAY 10, 1983

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN THE SENATE,  
NOVEMBER 30, 1983

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AN ACT

1 ~~Mandating revocation of mercantile license issued by any~~ <—  
2 ~~political subdivision upon certain convictions.~~  
3 IMPOSING DUTIES AND LIMITATIONS ON CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS. <—

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Revocation.

7 Any mercantile license issued by any ~~political subdivision~~ <—  
8 CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS shall be revoked by the proper issuing <—  
9 authority upon conviction of the licensee for committing any of  
10 the following offenses upon such licensed premises:

11 (1) any drug or controlled substance offense except for  
12 the offense of driving under the influence of alcohol or  
13 controlled substances;

14 (2) any offense involving prostitution;

15 (3) any offense involving illegal gambling; or

1 (4) any other offense involving moral turpitude.

2 Section 2. Gravity of offense.

3 In order for any license to be revoked pursuant to section 1,  
4 the offense shall have been a misdemeanor or a felony.

5 SECTION 3. USE OF KEROSENE FUEL HEATERS. <—

6 THE USE OF KEROSENE FUEL HEATERS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED IN ALL  
7 CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS PROVIDED THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ACT  
8 ARE MET.

9 SECTION 4. CONDITIONS OF USE.

10 (A) HEATER STANDARDS.--KEROSENE HEATERS SHALL MEET ALL OF  
11 THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE NATIONAL FIRE  
12 PROTECTION ASSOCIATION AND MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY UNDERWRITERS  
13 LABORATORIES OR A SIMILAR NATIONAL INSPECTION AND TESTING  
14 AGENCY.

15 (B) USE IN DWELLINGS.--KEROSENE HEATERS MAY ONLY BE USED IN  
16 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS OR DUPLEX OR ROW MULTIPLE FAMILY  
17 DWELLINGS. KEROSENE HEATERS ARE PROHIBITED IN STRUCTURES USED AS  
18 MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS OF GREATER THAN THREE STORIES.

19 SECTION 5. CERTAIN ORDINANCES DECLARED INVALID.

20 ANY ORDINANCE INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED  
21 TO BE INVALID.

22 Section 3 6. Effective date. <—

23 This act shall take effect immediately.