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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PETRONE, LASHINGER, TRELLO, BUNT, McCALL,  
KOSINSKI, TIGUE, MERRY, DeLUCA, STABACK, CIVERA, VEON,  
HALUSKA, CAWLEY, PISTELLA AND PRESTON, MARCH 10, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, MARCH 10, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Establishing a commission to recodify the liquor laws and giving  
2 it powers and duties.

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

5 Section 1. Declaration of policy.

6 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

7 (1) The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board has been  
8 terminated as an administrative agency.

9 (2) Legislative action is needed in order to continue  
10 the administration of the liquor laws of this Commonwealth;  
11 and

12 (3) The liquor laws of this Commonwealth constitute an  
13 area of controversy and dissatisfaction.

14 Section 2. Liquor Codification Commission.

15 (a) Establishment.--The Liquor Codification Commission is  
16 established.

17 (b) Membership.--The commission shall consist of 13 members,

1 as follows: a member appointed by the Governor, the Chief  
2 Counsel of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, the Chairman  
3 of the Liquor Control Committee of the House of Representatives,  
4 the Chairman of the Law and Justice Committee of the Senate, a  
5 representative of the malt beverage industry, a representative  
6 of tavern owners, a representative of the wholesale liquor  
7 industry, a representative of beer distributors, a  
8 representative of importing distributors, two attorneys  
9 experienced in liquor-related litigation, a representative of  
10 the Pennsylvania State Liquor Store employees, and a  
11 representative of the general public. Members of the commission,  
12 except for ex officio members, shall be jointly appointed by the  
13 President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
14 of Representatives.

15 (c) Powers and duties.--The commission has the following  
16 powers and duties:

17 (1) To study the present system of law relating to  
18 liquor, with a view toward recodification and improvement.

19 (2) To hold hearings, take testimony and make  
20 investigations at places as it deems necessary in this  
21 Commonwealth. Each member of the commission shall have power  
22 to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing  
23 before the commission.

24 (3) To prepare and submit a report and suggested  
25 legislation to the General Assembly by May 2, 1987.

26 (d) Compensation.--The members of the commission shall serve  
27 without compensation, but they shall be compensated for  
28 necessary and reasonable expenses in the discharge of the  
29 functions of the commission.

30 (e) Termination.--The commission shall go out of existence,

- 1 and all of its functions shall terminate, on June 1, 1987.
- 2 Section 3. Effective date.
- 3 This act shall take effect immediately.