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AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as 2 reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and 3 malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and 5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, 6 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic 7 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the 8 9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and 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 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; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," 16 17 providing for transfer of the functions and duties of the 18 Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement of the Pennsylvania 19 State Police to municipal and regional police departments.
- 20 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 21 hereby enacts as follows:
- The definitions of "enforcement bureau" and 22 Section 1.
- 23 "social gathering" in section 102 of the act of April 12, 1951
- 24 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended
- 25 June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14) and added May 8, 2003 (P.L.1,
- 26 No.1), are amended and the section is amended by adding a

- 1 definition to read:
- 2 Section 102. Definitions. -- The following words or phrases,
- 3 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the
- 4 meanings ascribed to them in this section:
- 5 * * *
- 6 <u>"Enforcement authority" shall mean a municipal or regional</u>
- 7 police department, or in those areas not served by a municipal
- 8 or regional police department, the term shall mean the
- 9 Pennsylvania State Police.
- 10 ["Enforcement bureau" shall mean the Bureau of Liquor Control
- 11 Enforcement of the Pennsylvania State Police.]
- 12 * * *
- "Social gathering" shall mean events marketed to or catering
- 14 to minors in whole or in part for which proper notice has been
- 15 provided to the [Bureau of Enforcement] enforcement authority
- 16 and at which time no alcohol is served and all alcohol is
- 17 removed or secured by lock and key at the licensed premises.
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 2. Section 206.1 of the act, amended December 9,
- 20 2002 (P.L.1653, No.212), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 206.1. Board and Enforcement [Bureau] Authority
- 22 Subject to State Ethics and Adverse Interest Acts.--(a) Except
- 23 to the extent that the penalties provided in section 210 of this
- 24 act for violations are more stringent, the board, its members
- 25 and all of its employes and employes of the enforcement [bureau]
- 26 <u>authority</u> shall be subject to the act of October 4, 1978
- 27 (P.L.883, No.170), referred to as the Public Official and
- 28 Employee Ethics Law, and the act of July 19, 1957 (P.L.1017,
- 29 No.451), known as the "State Adverse Interest Act."
- 30 (b) Membership on the board and employment or continued

- 1 employment as an employe of the board or enforcement [bureau]
- 2 <u>authority</u> is conditioned upon compliance with all of the
- 3 provisions of the acts specified in subsection (a), including,
- 4 but not limited to, the filing of statements of financial
- 5 interests required by section 5 of the Public Official and
- 6 Employee Ethics Law. Acceptance or retention of employment shall
- 7 be deemed as voluntary consent to submit to the financial
- 8 reporting requirements of the Public Official and Employee
- 9 Ethics Law as a condition of employment. Failure to timely
- 10 comply with the requirements shall result in immediate
- 11 termination of employment. Both the board and the enforcement
- 12 [bureau] <u>authority</u> are subject to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S.
- 13 Ch. 11 (relating to ethics standards and financial disclosure).
- 14 Section 3. Section 210 of the act, amended December 21, 1988
- 15 (P.L.1879, No.183), is amended to read:
- 16 Section 210. Restrictions on Members of the Board [and
- 17 Certain Employes of Commonwealth].--(a) A member or employe of
- 18 the board [or enforcement bureau] or a member of the immediate
- 19 family of a member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 20 bureau] shall not be directly or indirectly interested or
- 21 engaged in any other business or undertaking within the
- 22 Commonwealth dealing in liquor, alcohol, or malt or brewed
- 23 beverages, whether as owner, part owner, partner, member of
- 24 syndicate, holder of stock exceeding five percent (5%) of the
- 25 equity at fair market value of the business, independent
- 26 contractor or manager of a licensed establishment required under
- 27 40 Pa. Code § 5.23 (relating to appointment of managers), and
- 28 whether for his own benefit or in a fiduciary capacity for some
- 29 other person. For the purpose of this subsection only, "employe
- 30 of the board [or Enforcement Bureau] " shall mean any individual

- 1 employed by the board [or Enforcement Bureau] who is responsible
- 2 for taking or recommending official action of a nonministerial
- 3 nature with regard to:
- 4 (1) contracting or procurement;
- 5 (2) administering or monitoring grants or subsidies;
- 6 (3) planning or zoning;
- 7 (4) inspecting, licensing, regulating or auditing any
- 8 person; or
- 9 (5) any other activity where the official action has an
- 10 economic impact of greater than a de minimis nature on the
- 11 interests of any person.
- 12 (b) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 13 bureau] or a member of the immediate family of a member or
- 14 employe of the board [or enforcement bureau] nor any employe of
- 15 the Commonwealth shall solicit or receive, directly or
- 16 indirectly, any commission, remuneration or gift whatsoever,
- 17 from any person having sold, selling or offering liquor or
- 18 alcohol for sale to the board for use in Pennsylvania Liquor
- 19 Stores.
- (c) No person convicted of an infamous crime may be employed
- 21 as a member or employe by the board [or enforcement bureau].
- 22 (d) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 23 bureau] may use his position with the board [or enforcement
- 24 bureau], or any confidential information received through his
- 25 position with the board [or enforcement bureau], to obtain
- 26 financial gain, other than compensation provided by law, for
- 27 himself, a member of his immediate family or a business with
- 28 which he is associated.
- 29 (e) No person may offer or give to a member or employe of
- 30 the board [or enforcement bureau] or a member of his immediate

- 1 family or a business with which he is associated, and no member
- 2 or employe of the board [or enforcement bureau] may solicit or
- 3 accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, political
- 4 contribution, reward or promise of future employment, based on
- 5 an understanding that the vote, official action or judgment of
- 6 the member or employe of the board [or enforcement bureau] would
- 7 be influenced thereby.
- 8 (f) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 9 bureau] or a member of his immediate family or any business in
- 10 which the member or employe or a member of his immediate family
- 11 is a director, officer or owner or holder of stock exceeding
- 12 five percent (5%) of the equity at fair market value of the
- 13 business may enter into any contract valued at five hundred
- 14 dollars (\$500) or more to provide goods or services to the board
- 15 [or enforcement bureau] unless the contract has been awarded to
- 16 the lowest responsible bidder through an open and public
- 17 process, including prior public notice and subsequent public
- 18 disclosure of all proposals considered and contracts awarded.
- 19 (g) No former member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 20 bureau] may represent a person, with or without compensation, on
- 21 any matter before the board [or enforcement bureau] for one year
- 22 after leaving the board [or enforcement bureau].
- 23 (h) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 24 bureau] or an advisor or consultant thereto having recommended
- 25 to the board [or enforcement bureau] either the making of a
- 26 contract or a course of action of which the making of a contract
- 27 is an express or implied part, may, at any time thereafter, have
- 28 an adverse interest in that contract.
- 29 (i) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 30 bureau] may influence or attempt to influence the making of, or

- 1 supervise or deal with, a contract with the board [or
- 2 enforcement bureau] in which he has an adverse interest.
- 3 (j) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 4 bureau] may have an adverse interest in a contract with the
- 5 board [or enforcement bureau].
- 6 (k) No person having an adverse interest in a contract with
- 7 the board [or enforcement bureau] may become an employe of the
- 8 board [or enforcement bureau] until the adverse interest has
- 9 been wholly divested.
- 10 (1) No member or employe of the board [or enforcement
- 11 bureau], except in the performance of his duties as such
- 12 employe, may, for remuneration, directly or indirectly,
- 13 represent a person upon a matter pending before the board [or
- 14 enforcement bureau].
- 15 (m) (1) Any person who violates the provisions of this
- 16 section shall have his employment by the board [or enforcement
- 17 bureau] immediately terminated by the appropriate person having
- 18 the power to terminate and shall be liable to the board [or
- 19 enforcement bureau] to reimburse the board [or enforcement
- 20 bureau] for all compensation received by him from the board [or
- 21 enforcement bureau] while employed in violation of subsection
- 22 (c).
- 23 (2) Any person who violates the provisions of subsections
- 24 (b), (d) or (e) shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction
- 25 thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than ten
- 26 thousand dollars (\$10,000) or to undergo imprisonment for not
- 27 more than five (5) years, or both.
- 28 (3) Any person who violates the provisions of subsections
- 29 (a) or (f) through (l) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
- 30 upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not

- 1 more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to undergo
- 2 imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or both.
- 3 (4) Any person who obtains financial gain from violating any
- 4 provisions of this section, in addition to any other penalty
- 5 provided by law, shall pay into the accounts of the board a sum
- 6 of money equal to three (3) times the financial gain resulting
- 7 from the violation.
- 8 (5) Any person who violates the provisions of this section
- 9 shall be barred for a period of five (5) years from engaging in
- 10 any business or contract with the board [or enforcement bureau].
- 11 (6) The penalties and sanctions provided by this subsection
- 12 shall supersede any similar penalties and sanctions provided by
- 13 the act of July 19, 1957 (P.L.1017, No.451), known as the "State
- 14 Adverse Interest Act," and the act of October 4, 1978 (P.L.883,
- 15 No.170), referred to as the Public Official and Employee Ethics
- 16 Law.
- 17 (n) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
- 18 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:
- 19 "Business" shall mean a corporation, partnership, sole
- 20 proprietorship, firm, enterprise, franchise, association,
- 21 organization, self-employed individual, holding company, joint-
- 22 stock company, receivership, trust or legal entity organized for
- 23 profit or as a not-for-profit corporation or organization.
- 24 "Immediate family" shall mean a spouse residing in the
- 25 person's household and minor dependent children.
- 26 "Infamous crime" shall mean a violation and conviction for an
- 27 offense which would disqualify an individual from holding public
- 28 office pursuant to section 6 of Article II of the Constitution
- 29 of Pennsylvania; a conviction within the preceding ten (10)
- 30 years for a violation of this section or of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4113

- 1 (relating to misapplication of entrusted property and property
- 2 of government or financial institutions), Ch. 47 (relating to
- 3 bribery and corrupt influence), Ch. 49 (relating to
- 4 falsification and intimidation), Ch. 51 (relating to obstructing
- 5 governmental operations) or Ch. 53 (relating to abuse of
- 6 office); or a violation of the laws of this Commonwealth or
- 7 another state or the Federal Government for which an individual
- 8 has been convicted within the preceding ten (10) years and which
- 9 is classified as a felony.
- 10 Section 4. Section 211 of the act, amended October 5, 1994
- 11 (P.L.537, No.80) and July 17, 2003 (P.L.63, No.15), is amended
- 12 to read:
- 13 Section 211. Enforcement.--[(a) There is created within the
- 14 Pennsylvania State Police a Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement
- 15 which shall be responsible for enforcing this act and any
- 16 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Officers and
- 17 investigators assigned to the bureau shall have the power and
- 18 their duty shall be:
- 19 (1) To investigate whenever there are reasonable grounds to
- 20 believe liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages are being
- 21 sold on premises not licensed under the provisions of this act.
- 22 If the investigation produces evidence of the unlawful sale of
- 23 liquor or malt or brewed beverages or any other violation of the
- 24 provisions of this act, the officer involved in the
- 25 investigation shall institute criminal proceedings against the
- 26 person or persons believed to have been criminally liable, as
- 27 otherwise provided by law or rule of court.
- 28 (2) To arrest on view, except in private homes, without
- 29 warrant, any person actually engaged in the unlawful sale,
- 30 importation, manufacture or transportation or having unlawful

- 1 possession of liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages
- 2 contrary to the provisions of this act or any other law of this
- 3 Commonwealth or any person whom the officer/investigator, while
- 4 in the performance of his assigned duties under and pursuant to
- 5 this act and any regulations promulgated under this act,
- 6 observes to be in violation of any of the following provisions:
- 7 18 Pa.C.S. § 3302 (relating to causing or risking
- 8 catastrophe).
- 9 18 Pa.C.S. § 3304 (relating to criminal mischief).
- 10 18 Pa.C.S. § 4101 (relating to forgery).
- 11 18 Pa.C.S. § 5503 (relating to disorderly conduct).
- 18 Pa.C.S. § 5505 (relating to public drunkenness).
- 13 18 Pa.C.S. § 5512 (relating to lotteries, etc.).
- 14 18 Pa.C.S. § 5513 (relating to gambling devices,
- 15 gambling, etc.).
- 16 18 Pa.C.S. § 5514 (relating to pool selling and
- 17 bookmaking).
- 18 Pa.C.S. § 6307 (relating to misrepresentation of age
- to secure liquor or malt or brewed beverages).
- 20 18 Pa.C.S. § 6308 (relating to purchase, consumption,
- 21 possession or transportation of liquor or malt or brewed
- beverages).
- 23 18 Pa.C.S. § 6309 (relating to representing that minor is
- 24 of age).
- 25 18 Pa.C.S. § 6310.1 (relating to selling or furnishing
- liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors).
- 27 18 Pa.C.S. § 6310.3 (relating to carrying a false
- 28 identification card).
- 29 (3) Upon reasonable and probable cause, to search for and to
- 30 seize, without warrant or process, except in private homes, any

- 1 liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages unlawfully
- 2 possessed, manufactured, sold, imported or transported and any
- 3 stills, equipment, materials, utensils, vehicles, boats,
- 4 vessels, animals, aircraft, or any of them, which are or have
- 5 been used in the unlawful manufacture, sale, importation or
- 6 transportation of the same. Such liquor, alcohol, malt or brewed
- 7 beverages, stills, equipment, materials, utensils, vehicles,
- 8 boats, vessels, animals or aircraft so seized shall be disposed
- 9 of as hereinafter provided.
- 10 (4) To investigate and issue citations for any violations of
- 11 this act or any laws of this Commonwealth relating to liquor,
- 12 alcohol or malt or brewed beverages, or any regulations of the
- 13 board adopted pursuant to such laws or any violation of any laws
- 14 of this Commonwealth or of the Federal Government, relating to
- 15 the payment of taxes on liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed
- 16 beverages by any licensee, his officers, servants, agents or
- 17 employes.
- 18 (5) To arrest any person who engages in the following
- 19 offenses when the said offenses are committed against the
- 20 officer/investigator or any person accompanying and assisting
- 21 the officer/investigator while the said officer/investigator is
- 22 performing assigned duties under and pursuant to this act and
- 23 any regulations promulgated under this act:
- 24 18 Pa.C.S. § 2701 (relating to simple assault).
- 25 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).
- 26 18 Pa.C.S. § 2705 (relating to recklessly endangering
- another person).
- 28 18 Pa.C.S. § 2706 (relating to terroristic threats).
- 29 18 Pa.C.S. § 2709 (relating to harassment and stalking).
- 30 18 Pa.C.S. § 5104 (relating to resisting arrest or other

- 1 law enforcement).
- 2 18 Pa.C.S. § 5501 (relating to riot).
- 3 (6) To serve and execute warrants issued by the proper
- 4 authorities for offenses referred to in this subsection and to
- 5 serve subpoenas.
- 6 (7) To arrange for the administration of chemical tests of
- 7 breath, blood or urine, including preliminary breath tests, to
- 8 persons for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of
- 9 blood or the presence of a controlled substance by qualified
- 10 personnel of a State or local police department or qualified
- 11 personnel of a clinical laboratory licensed and approved by the
- 12 Department of Health.
- 13 (b) Any equipment or appurtenance actually used in the
- 14 commission of the unlawful acts may be confiscated. The
- 15 confiscation shall not, in any manner, divest or impair the
- 16 rights or interest of any bona fide lienholder in the equipment
- 17 or appurtenance.
- 18 (c) The Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner shall assign
- 19 State Police Officers to such supervisory and other capacities
- 20 in the enforcement bureau as he deems necessary. All other
- 21 personnel of the enforcement bureau shall be civilians.
- 22 (d) The Office of Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania State
- 23 Police shall represent the enforcement bureau in all enforcement
- 24 proceedings brought before the Office of Administrative Law
- 25 Judge or any other adjudicatory body.
- 26 (e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to change the
- 27 status of civilian enforcement agents for the purposes of the
- 28 act of July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public
- 29 Employe Relations Act," or cause civilian enforcement agents to
- 30 be considered policemen for the purposes of the act of June 24,

- 1 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred to as the Policemen and Firemen
- 2 Collective Bargaining Act.
- 3 (f) In addition to the information provided to the General
- 4 Assembly and the Legislative Data Processing Center under
- 5 sections 613 and 614 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
- 6 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929,"
- 7 respectively, the Pennsylvania State Police shall provide to the
- 8 chairman and minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee
- 9 of the Senate and the chairman and minority chairman of the
- 10 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives any
- 11 other information as requested. The Pennsylvania State Police
- 12 shall also provide:
- 13 (1) a copy of the most recently completed audit of
- 14 expenditures of the enforcement bureau; and
- 15 (2) a report detailing the demographic characteristics of
- 16 the bureau's complement of civilian officers. Such report shall
- 17 include information relating to workplace diversity as contained
- 18 in section two of the Governor's Annual Workforce Report
- 19 relating to equal employment.] (a) The enforcement of this act
- 20 <u>shall be vested in the enforcement authority.</u>
- 21 (b) Employes of the enforcement bureau terminated under this
- 22 act who have civil service status or who are covered by union
- 23 contracts shall fill any existing vacancies within the
- 24 <u>administrative branch of State government in their grade and</u>
- 25 position. If there are more employes than vacant positions at
- 26 the time of termination, then terminated employes shall receive
- 27 employment in the first vacancies that shall thereafter exist in
- 28 their grade and position.
- 29 Section 5. Section 211.1 of the act, added July 2, 1993
- 30 (P.L.429, No.61), is amended to read:

- 1 Section 211.1. Legal Opinions.--Upon written request by a
- 2 licensee, the board or its counsel shall issue a legal opinion
- 3 regarding any subject matter relating to this act or any
- 4 regulation promulgated pursuant to it. This legal opinion shall
- 5 be binding on the enforcement [bureau] authority.
- 6 Section 6. Section 412(g) of the act, added December 9, 2002
- 7 (P.L.1653, No.212), is amended to read:
- 8 Section 412. Public Venue License. -- * * *
- 9 (g) The board may issue multiple licenses under this section
- 10 for use in a public venue with permanent seating of at least
- 11 thirty-five thousand people. If the board does issue more than
- 12 one license for a specific public venue, written notice of the
- 13 event must be provided to the enforcement [bureau] authority at
- 14 least forty-eight hours in advance of the dispensing of any
- 15 liquor or malt or brewed beverages. The notice shall include the
- 16 date, time and specific licensed areas to be used. No more than
- 17 one license issued under this section shall be in effect at any
- 18 location at any time of day at the same time.
- 19 Section 7. Section 431(b) of the act, amended December 8,
- 20 2004 (P.L.1810, No.239), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 431. Malt and Brewed Beverages Manufacturers',
- 22 Distributors' and Importing Distributors' Licenses. -- * * *
- 23 (b) The board shall issue to any reputable person who
- 24 applies therefor, and pays the license fee hereinafter
- 25 prescribed, a distributor's or importing distributor's license
- 26 for the place which such person desires to maintain for the sale
- 27 of malt or brewed beverages, not for consumption on the premises
- 28 where sold, and in quantities of not less than a case or
- 29 original containers containing one hundred twenty-eight ounces
- 30 or more which may be sold separately as prepared for the market

- 1 by the manufacturer at the place of manufacture. The board shall
- 2 have the discretion to refuse a license to any person or to any
- 3 corporation, partnership or association if such person, or any
- 4 officer or director of such corporation, or any member or
- 5 partner of such partnership or association shall have been
- 6 convicted or found guilty of a felony within a period of five
- 7 years immediately preceding the date of application for the said
- 8 license: And provided further, That, in the case of any new
- 9 license or the transfer of any license to a new location, the
- 10 board may, in its discretion, grant or refuse such new license
- 11 or transfer if such place proposed to be licensed is within
- 12 three hundred feet of any church, hospital, charitable
- 13 institution, school or public playground, or if such new license
- 14 or transfer is applied for a place which is within two hundred
- 15 feet of any other premises which is licensed by the board: And
- 16 provided further, That the board shall refuse any application
- 17 for a new license or the transfer of any license to a new
- 18 location if, in the board's opinion, such new license or
- 19 transfer would be detrimental to the welfare, health, peace and
- 20 morals of the inhabitants of the neighborhood within a radius of
- 21 five hundred feet of the place proposed to be licensed. The
- 22 board shall refuse any application for a new license or the
- 23 transfer of any license to a location where the sale of liquid
- 24 fuels or oil is conducted. The board may enter into an agreement
- 25 with the applicant concerning additional restrictions on the
- 26 license in question. If the board and the applicant enter into
- 27 such an agreement, such agreement shall be binding on the
- 28 applicant. Failure by the applicant to adhere to the agreement
- 29 will be sufficient cause to form the basis for a citation under
- 30 section 471 and for the nonrenewal of the license under section

- 1 470. If the board enters into an agreement with an applicant
- 2 concerning additional restrictions, those restrictions shall be
- 3 binding on subsequent holders of the license until the license
- 4 is transferred to a new location or until the board enters into
- 5 a subsequent agreement removing those restrictions. If the
- 6 application in question involves a location previously licensed
- 7 by the board, then any restrictions imposed by the board on the
- 8 previous license at that location shall be binding on the
- 9 applicant unless the board enters into a new agreement
- 10 rescinding those restrictions. The board shall require notice to
- 11 be posted on the property or premises upon which the licensee or
- 12 proposed licensee will engage in sales of malt or brewed
- 13 beverages. This notice shall be similar to the notice required
- 14 of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licensees.
- 15 Except as hereinafter provided, such license shall authorize
- 16 the holder thereof to sell or deliver malt or brewed beverages
- 17 in quantities above specified anywhere within the Commonwealth
- 18 of Pennsylvania, which, in the case of distributors, have been
- 19 purchased only from persons licensed under this act as
- 20 manufacturers or importing distributors, and in the case of
- 21 importing distributors, have been purchased from manufacturers
- 22 or persons outside this Commonwealth engaged in the legal sale
- 23 of malt or brewed beverages or from manufacturers or importing
- 24 distributors licensed under this article. In the case of an
- 25 importing distributor, the holder of such a license shall be
- 26 authorized to store and repackage malt or brewed beverages owned
- 27 by a manufacturer at a segregated portion of a warehouse or
- 28 other storage facility authorized by section 441(d) and operated
- 29 by the importing distributor within its appointed territory and
- 30 deliver such beverages to another importing distributor who has

- 1 been granted distribution rights by the manufacturer as provided
- 2 herein. The importing distributor shall be permitted to receive
- 3 a fee from the manufacturer for any related storage, repackaging
- 4 or delivery services. In the case of a bailee for hire hired by
- 5 a manufacturer, the holder of such a permit shall be authorized:
- 6 to receive, store and repackage malt or brewed beverages
- 7 produced by that manufacturer for sale by that manufacturer to
- 8 importing distributors to whom that manufacturer has given
- 9 distribution rights pursuant to this subsection or to purchasers
- 10 outside this Commonwealth for delivery outside this
- 11 Commonwealth; or to ship to that manufacturer's storage
- 12 facilities outside this Commonwealth. The bailee for hire shall
- 13 be permitted to receive a fee from the manufacturer for any
- 14 related storage, repackaging or delivery services. The bailee
- 15 for hire shall, as required in Article V of this act, keep
- 16 complete and accurate records of all transactions, inventory,
- 17 receipts and shipments and make all records and the licensed
- 18 areas available for inspection by the board and for the
- 19 [Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control
- 20 Enforcement] enforcement authority, during normal business
- 21 hours.
- 22 Each out of State manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 23 whose products are sold and delivered in this Commonwealth shall
- 24 give distributing rights for such products in designated
- 25 geographical areas to specific importing distributors, and such
- 26 importing distributor shall not sell or deliver malt or brewed
- 27 beverages manufactured by the out of State manufacturer to any
- 28 person issued a license under the provisions of this act whose
- 29 licensed premises are not located within the geographical area
- 30 for which he has been given distributing rights by such

- 1 manufacturer. Should a licensee accept the delivery of such malt
- 2 or brewed beverages in violation of this section, said licensee
- 3 shall be subject to a suspension of his license for at least
- 4 thirty days: Provided, That the importing distributor holding
- 5 such distributing rights for such product shall not sell or
- 6 deliver the same to another importing distributor without first
- 7 having entered into a written agreement with the said secondary
- 8 importing distributor setting forth the terms and conditions
- 9 under which such products are to be resold within the territory
- 10 granted to the primary importing distributor by the
- 11 manufacturer.
- 12 When a Pennsylvania manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 13 licensed under this article names or constitutes a distributor
- 14 or importing distributor as the primary or original supplier of
- 15 his product, he shall also designate the specific geographical
- 16 area for which the said distributor or importing distributor is
- 17 given distributing rights, and such distributor or importing
- 18 distributor shall not sell or deliver the products of such
- 19 manufacturer to any person issued a license under the provisions
- 20 of this act whose licensed premises are not located within the
- 21 geographical area for which distributing rights have been given
- 22 to the distributor and importing distributor by the said
- 23 manufacturer: Provided, That the importing distributor holding
- 24 such distributing rights for such product shall not sell or
- 25 deliver the same to another importing distributor without first
- 26 having entered into a written agreement with the said secondary
- 27 importing distributor setting forth the terms and conditions
- 28 under which such products are to be resold within the territory
- 29 granted to the primary importing distributor by the
- 30 manufacturer. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to

- 1 prevent any manufacturer from authorizing the importing
- 2 distributor holding the distributing rights for a designated
- 3 geographical area from selling the products of such manufacturer
- 4 to another importing distributor also holding distributing
- 5 rights from the same manufacturer for another geographical area,
- 6 providing such authority be contained in writing and a copy
- 7 thereof be given to each of the importing distributors so
- 8 affected.
- 9 * * *
- 10 Section 8. Section 461(b.2) of the act, amended February 21,
- 11 2002 (P.L.103, No.10), is amended to read:
- 12 Section 461. Limiting Number of Retail Licenses To Be Issued
- 13 In Each County. -- * * *
- 14 (b.2) Qualified applicants under subsection (b.1) shall
- 15 receive a provisional license for one hundred twenty days,
- 16 exclusive of periods of safekeeping. After ninety days from the
- 17 date of issuance, the licensee may file an application for a
- 18 permanent license. A license shall be issued if the licensee
- 19 establishes that for ninety consecutive days from the date of
- 20 initial issue its sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages is
- 21 equal to at least seventy per centum (70%) of its combined gross
- 22 sales of food and alcoholic beverages. Licensees shall not be
- 23 subject to citation by the [Enforcement Bureau] enforcement
- 24 <u>authority</u> for a violation of the requirement that food and
- 25 nonalcoholic beverages equal at least seventy per centum (70%)
- 26 of the combined gross sales of food and alcoholic beverages
- 27 during the provisional licensing period.
- 28 * * *
- 29 Section 9. Section 471 of the act, amended or added December
- 30 20, 2000 (P.L.992, No.141), February 21, 2002 (P.L.103, No.10)

- 1 and December 9, 2002 (P.L.1653, No.212), is amended to read:
- 2 Section 471. Revocation and Suspension of Licenses; Fines.--
- 3 (a) Upon learning of any violation of this act or any laws of
- 4 this Commonwealth relating to liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed
- 5 beverages, or of any regulations of the board adopted pursuant
- 6 to such laws, or any violation of any laws of this Commonwealth
- 7 or of the Federal Government relating to the payment of taxes on
- 8 liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages by any licensee
- 9 within the scope of this article, his officers, servants, agents
- 10 or employes, or upon any other sufficient cause shown, the
- 11 enforcement [bureau] authority may, within one year from the
- 12 date of such violation or cause appearing, cite such licensee to
- 13 appear before an administrative law judge, not less than ten nor
- 14 more than sixty days from the date of sending such licensee, by
- 15 registered mail, a notice addressed to him at his licensed
- 16 premises, to show cause why such license should not be suspended
- 17 or revoked or a fine imposed, or both. The [bureau] enforcement
- 18 <u>authority</u> shall also send a copy of the hearing notice to the
- 19 municipality in which the premises is located.
- 20 (b) Hearing on such citations shall be held in the same
- 21 manner as provided herein for hearings on applications for
- 22 license. Upon such hearing, if satisfied that any such violation
- 23 has occurred or for other sufficient cause, the administrative
- 24 law judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the license, or
- 25 impose a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than
- 26 one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both, notifying the licensee
- 27 by registered letter addressed to his licensed premises. If the
- 28 licensee has been cited and found to have violated section
- 29 493(1) insofar as it relates to sales to minors or sales to a
- 30 visibly intoxicated person, section 493(10) insofar as it

- 1 relates to lewd, immoral or improper entertainment or section
- 2 493(14), (16) or (21), or has been found to be a public nuisance
- 3 pursuant to section 611, or if the owner or operator of the
- 4 licensed premises or any authorized agent of the owner or
- 5 operator has been convicted of any violation of the act of April
- 6 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as "The Controlled Substance,
- 7 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, " or of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5902
- 8 (relating to prostitution and related offenses) or 6301
- 9 (relating to corruption of minors), at or relating to the
- 10 licensed premises, the administrative law judge shall
- 11 immediately suspend or revoke the license, or impose a fine of
- 12 not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five
- 13 thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both. However, if a licensee has
- 14 been cited and found to have violated section 493(1) as it
- 15 relates to sales to minors or sales to a visibly intoxicated
- 16 person but at the time of the sale the licensee was in
- 17 compliance with the requirements set forth in section 471.1 and
- 18 the licensee had not sold to minors or visibly intoxicated
- 19 persons in the previous four years, then the administrative law
- 20 judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the license, or impose
- 21 a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one
- 22 thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. The administrative law judge
- 23 shall notify the licensee by registered mail, addressed to the
- 24 licensed premises, of such suspension, revocation or fine. In
- 25 the event the fine is not paid within twenty days of the
- 26 adjudication, the administrative law judge shall suspend or
- 27 revoke the license, notifying the licensee by registered mail
- 28 addressed to the licensed premises. Suspensions and revocations
- 29 shall not go into effect until thirty days have elapsed from the
- 30 date of the adjudication during which time the licensee may take

- 1 an appeal as provided for in this act. Any licensee whose
- 2 license is revoked shall be ineligible to have a license under
- 3 this act until the expiration of three years from the date such
- 4 license was revoked. In the event a license is revoked, no
- 5 license shall be granted for the premises or transferred to the
- 6 premises in which the said license was conducted for a period of
- 7 at least one year after the date of the revocation of the
- 8 license conducted in the said premises, except in cases where
- 9 the licensee or a member of his immediate family is not the
- 10 owner of the premises, in which case the board may, in its
- 11 discretion, issue or transfer a license within the said year. In
- 12 the event the [bureau] enforcement authority or the person who
- 13 was fined or whose license was suspended or revoked shall feel
- 14 aggrieved by the adjudication of the administrative law judge,
- 15 there shall be a right to appeal to the board. The appeal shall
- 16 be based solely on the record before the administrative law
- 17 judge. The board shall only reverse the decision of the
- 18 administrative law judge if the administrative law judge
- 19 committed an error of law, abused its discretion or if its
- 20 decision is not based on substantial evidence. In the event the
- 21 [bureau] enforcement authority or the person who was fined or
- 22 whose license was suspended or revoked shall feel aggrieved by
- 23 the decision of the board, there shall be a right to appeal to
- 24 the court of common pleas in the same manner as herein provided
- 25 for appeals from refusals to grant licenses. Each of the appeals
- 26 shall act as a supersedeas unless, upon sufficient cause shown,
- 27 the reviewing authority shall determine otherwise; however, if
- 28 the licensee has been cited and found to have violated section
- 29 493(1) insofar as it relates to sales to minors or sales to a
- 30 visibly intoxicated person, section 493(10) insofar as it

- 1 relates to lewd, immoral or improper entertainment or section
- 2 493(14), (16) or (21), or has been found to be a public nuisance
- 3 pursuant to section 611, or if the owner or operator of the
- 4 licensed premises or any authorized agent of the owner or
- 5 operator has been convicted of any violation of "The Controlled
- 6 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, or of 18 Pa.C.S. §
- 7 5902 or 6301, at or relating to the licensed premises, its
- 8 appeal shall not act as a supersedeas unless the reviewing
- 9 authority determines otherwise upon sufficient cause shown. In
- 10 any hearing on an application for a supersedeas under this
- 11 section, the reviewing authority may consider, in addition to
- 12 other relevant evidence, documentary evidence, including records
- 13 of the [bureau] enforcement authority, showing the prior history
- 14 of citations, fines, suspensions or revocations against the
- 15 licensee; and the reviewing authority may also consider, in
- 16 addition to other relevant evidence, evidence of any recurrence
- 17 of the unlawful activity occurring between the date of the
- 18 citation which is the subject of the appeal and the date of the
- 19 hearing. No penalty provided by this section shall be imposed
- 20 for any violations provided for in this act unless the [bureau]
- 21 <u>enforcement authority</u> notifies the licensee of its nature within
- 22 thirty days of the completion of the investigation.
- 23 (c) The administrative law judge may consider the licensee's
- 24 prior citation history when imposing a penalty. If the violation
- 25 in question is a third or subsequent violation of any offense
- 26 referred to in subsection (b) or Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
- 27 Consolidated Statutes (relating to crimes and offenses),
- 28 occurring within a period of four years, the administrative law
- 29 judge shall impose a suspension or revocation.
- 30 (d) If a licensee has been cited and found to have violated

- 1 section 493(1) as it relates to sales to minors or sales to a
- 2 visibly intoxicated person, the administrative law judge, in
- 3 addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (b), may
- 4 require the licensee to comply with the requirements set forth
- 5 in section 471.1 pertaining to responsible alcohol management.
- 6 Such compliance may be required for a period of up to one year.
- 7 Failure to adhere with such an order is sufficient cause for the
- 8 issuance of a citation under subsection (a).
- 9 Section 10. Section 491(5) of the act, amended October 5,
- 10 1994 (P.L.522, No.77), is amended to read:
- 11 Section 491. Unlawful Acts Relative to Liquor, Alcohol and
- 12 Liquor Licensees.--
- 13 It shall be unlawful--
- 14 * * *
- 15 (5) Failure to Properly Dispose of Empty Liquor Containers.
- 16 For any restaurant, hotel or club licensee, his servants, agents
- 17 or employes, to fail to break any package in which liquors were
- 18 contained, except those decanter packages that the board
- 19 determines to be decorative, within twenty-four hours after the
- 20 original contents were removed therefrom, unless the licensee
- 21 participates in either a municipal recycling program, in
- 22 accordance with the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101),
- 23 known as the "Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste
- 24 Reduction Act," or a voluntary recycling program. The licensee
- 25 shall provide proof in writing of the participation in a
- 26 recycling program upon the demand of the [Bureau of Liquor
- 27 Control Enforcement of the Pennsylvania State Police]
- 28 <u>enforcement authority</u>. The proof of participation shall be
- 29 provided in a manner as prescribed by the Pennsylvania Liquor
- 30 Control Board.

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- 2 Section 11. Section 493(12), (14), (21) and (26) of the act,
- 3 amended February 21, 2002 (P.L.103, No.10), and May 8, 2003
- 4 (P.L.1, No.1), are amended to read:
- 5 Section 493. Unlawful Acts Relative to Liquor, Malt and
- 6 Brewed Beverages and Licensees. -- The term "licensee, " when used
- 7 in this section, shall mean those persons licensed under the
- 8 provisions of Article IV, unless the context clearly indicates
- 9 otherwise.
- 10 It shall be unlawful--
- 11 * * *
- 12 (12) Failure to Have Records on Premises. For any liquor
- 13 licensee, or any importing distributor, distributor or retail
- 14 dispenser, to fail to keep on the licensed premises for a period
- 15 of at least two years complete and truthful records covering the
- 16 operation of his licensed business, particularly showing the
- 17 date of all purchases of liquor and malt or brewed beverages,
- 18 the actual price paid therefor, and the name of the vendor,
- 19 including State Store receipts, or for any licensee, his
- 20 servants, agents or employes, to refuse the board or an
- 21 authorized employe of the board or the enforcement [bureau]
- 22 <u>authority</u> access thereto or the opportunity to make copies of
- 23 the same when the request is made during business hours.
- 24 * * *
- 25 (14) Permitting Undesirable Persons or Minors to Frequent
- 26 Premises. For any hotel, restaurant or club liquor licensee, or
- 27 any retail dispenser, his servants, agents or employes, to
- 28 permit persons of ill repute or prostitutes to frequent his
- 29 licensed premises or any premises operated in connection
- 30 therewith. Minors may only frequent licensed premises if: (a)

- 1 they are accompanied by a parent; (b) they are accompanied by a
- 2 legal guardian; (c) they are under proper supervision; (d) they
- 3 are attending a social gathering; or (e) the hotel, restaurant
- 4 or retail dispenser licensee has gross sales of food and
- 5 nonalcoholic beverages equal to fifty per centum or more of its
- 6 combined gross sale of both food and alcoholic beverages. If a
- 7 minor is frequenting a hotel, restaurant or retail dispenser
- 8 licensee under subsection (e), then the minor may not sit at the
- 9 bar section of the premises, nor may any alcoholic beverages be
- 10 served at the table or booth at which the said minor is seated
- 11 unless said minor is with a parent, legal guardian or under
- 12 proper supervision. Further, if a hotel, restaurant, club liquor
- 13 licensee or retail dispenser is hosting a social gathering under
- 14 subsection (d), then written notice at least forty-eight hours
- 15 in advance of such gathering shall be given to the [Bureau of
- 16 Enforcement] enforcement authority. If a minor is frequenting
- 17 licensed premises with proper supervision under subsection (c),
- 18 each supervisor can supervise up to twenty minors, except for
- 19 premises located in cities of the first class, where each
- 20 supervisor can supervise up to five minors. Notwithstanding any
- 21 other provisions of this section, if the minors are on the
- 22 premises as part of a school-endorsed function, then each
- 23 supervisor can supervise fifty minors. Nothing in this clause
- 24 shall be construed to make it unlawful for minors to frequent
- 25 public venues or performing arts facilities.
- 26 * * *
- 27 (21) Refusing The Right of Inspection. For any licensee, or
- 28 his servants, agents or employes, to refuse the board or the
- 29 enforcement [bureau] <u>authority</u> or any of their authorized
- 30 employes the right to inspect completely the entire licensed

- 1 premises at any time during which the premises are open for the
- 2 transaction of business, or when patrons, guests or members are
- 3 in that portion of the licensed premises wherein either liquor
- 4 or malt or brewed beverages are sold.
- 5 * * *
- 6 (26) Worthless Checks. For any retail liquor licensee or any
- 7 retail dispenser, distributor or importing distributor, to make,
- 8 draw, utter, issue or deliver, or cause to be made, drawn,
- 9 uttered, issued or delivered, any check, draft or similar order,
- 10 for the payment of money in payment for any purchase of malt or
- 11 brewed beverages, when such retail liquor licensee, retail
- 12 dispenser, distributor or importing distributor, has not
- 13 sufficient funds in, or credit with, such bank, banking
- 14 institution, trust company or other depository, for the payment
- 15 of such check. Any person who is a licensee under the provisions
- 16 of this article, who shall receive in payment for malt or brewed
- 17 beverages sold by him any check, draft or similar order for the
- 18 payment of money, which is subsequently dishonored by the bank,
- 19 banking institution, trust company or other depository, upon
- 20 which drawn, for any reason whatsoever, shall, within five days
- 21 of receipt of notice of such dishonor, notify by certified mail
- 22 the person who presented the said worthless check, draft or
- 23 similar order. If the violation of this clause is the first such
- 24 violation by the licensee that calendar year involving a check,
- 25 draft or similar order from the purchaser to the seller and if
- 26 the check, draft or similar order is subsequently honored within
- 27 ten days from the day it was made, drawn, uttered, issued or
- 28 delivered, then the enforcement [bureau] authority shall issue
- 29 an administrative warning in lieu of citation.
- 30 * * *

1	Section 12. Section 495(c) and (h) of the act, amended or
2	added December 20 1996 (P.L.1523, No.199) and December 16, 2002
3	(P.L.1806, No.221), are amended to read:
4	Section 495. Identification Cards; Licensees and State
5	Liquor Store Employes Saved From Prosecution* * *
6	(c) In addition to the presentation of such identification
7	card, the agent of the State Liquor Store or the licensee, or
8	his servant, agent or employe, may require the person whose age
9	may be in question to fill in and sign a form containing
10	language approved by the board or containing the following:
11	19
12	I,, hereby represent
13	to, a State Store or
14	licensee of the board, that I am of full age and discretion
15	and over the age of 21 years, having been born on
16	19 at
17	This statement is made to induce said store or licensee above
18	named to sell or otherwise furnish alcoholic beverages to the
19	undersigned.
20	Serial Number of Identification Card:
21	I understand that I am subject to a fine of
22	\$300.00 and sixty days imprisonment for any
23	misrepresentation herein.
24	
25	(Name)
26	
27	(Address)
28	Witness:
29	Name
30	Address

- 1 The forms shall be printed in a manner approved by the board
- 2 and shall be filed alphabetically by the State Liquor Store or
- 3 licensee in a file box containing a suitable alphabetical index
- 4 at or before the close of business on the day that the form is
- 5 executed, and any such form shall be subject to examination by
- 6 any officer, agent or employe of the enforcement [bureau]
- 7 <u>authority</u> at any and all times.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (h) No licensee or licensee's agent or employe shall sell or
- 10 otherwise disseminate the information derived from a transaction
- 11 scan to any third party, except to the board, the [bureau]
- 12 <u>enforcement authority</u> or other law enforcement official, for any
- 13 purpose, including, but not limited to, any marketing,
- 14 advertising or promotional activities, except that a licensee or
- 15 licensee's agent or employe may release that information
- 16 pursuant to a court order. Any person who violates this
- 17 subsection commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction,
- 18 be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars
- 19 (\$500) for the first offense and to pay a fine not exceeding one
- 20 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for subsequent offenses.
- 21 Section 13. Section 507 of the act, amended December 7, 1990
- 22 (P.L.622, No.160) and June 30, 1992 (P.L.327, No.66), is amended
- 23 to read:
- 24 Section 507. Hearings on Licenses and Refusals. -- (a) The
- 25 board may of its own motion, and shall upon the written request
- 26 of the enforcement [bureau] authority or of any applicant for
- 27 license or for renewal thereof whose application for such
- 28 license or renewal has been refused, fix a time and place for
- 29 hearing of such application or renewal, notice of which hearing
- 30 shall be sent to the [bureau] enforcement authority and to the

- 1 applicant, by registered mail, at the address given in his
- 2 application. Such hearing shall be before a hearing examiner
- 3 designated by the board.
- 4 (b) At such hearing, the board shall present its reasons for
- 5 its refusal or withholding of such license or renewal thereof or
- 6 the [bureau] enforcement authority shall present its objections
- 7 to the granting or renewal of the license, as the case may be.
- 8 The applicant may appear in person or by counsel, may cross-
- 9 examine the witnesses for the board or the [bureau] enforcement
- 10 <u>authority</u>, and may present evidence which shall likewise be
- 11 subject to cross-examination by the board or the [bureau]
- 12 <u>enforcement authority</u>. Such hearing shall be stenographically
- 13 recorded. The hearing examiner shall thereafter make a report,
- 14 including the examiner's recommendation, to the board in each
- 15 case. The board shall thereafter grant or refuse the license or
- 16 renewal thereof.
- 17 (c) Hearings and adjudications pursuant to this section
- 18 shall be in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A (relating
- 19 to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies).
- 20 Section 14. Section 514 of the act, amended December 21,
- 21 1998 (P.L.1202, No.155), is amended to read:
- 22 Section 514. Suspension and Revocation of Licenses.--(a)
- 23 Upon learning of any violation of this act or of any rule or
- 24 regulation promulgated by the board under the authority of this
- 25 act, or any violation of any laws of this Commonwealth or of the
- 26 United States of America relating to the tax payment of alcohol,
- 27 liquor or malt or brewed beverages by the holder of a license
- 28 issued under the provisions of this article, or upon other
- 29 sufficient cause, the enforcement [bureau] <u>authority</u> may, within
- 30 one year from the date of such violation or cause appearing,

- 1 cite such licensee to appear before an administrative law judge
- 2 not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days from the
- 3 date of sending such licensee, by registered mail, a notice
- 4 addressed to his licensed premises, to show cause why the
- 5 license should not be suspended or revoked. Hearings on such
- 6 citations shall be held in the same manner as provided herein
- 7 for hearings on applications for license. And upon such hearing,
- 8 if satisfied that any such violation has occurred or for other
- 9 sufficient cause, the administrative law judge shall immediately
- 10 suspend or revoke such license, notifying the licensee thereof
- 11 by registered letter addressed to his licensed premises, or to
- 12 the address given in his application where no licensed premises
- 13 is maintained in Pennsylvania.
- 14 (b) Any licensee whose license is revoked shall be
- 15 ineligible to have a license under this act or under any other
- 16 act relating to alcohol, liquor or malt or brewed beverages
- 17 until the expiration of three (3) years from the date such
- 18 license was revoked. In the event of a revocation, no license
- 19 shall be granted for the premises or transferred to the premises
- 20 in which said license was conducted for a period of at least one
- 21 (1) year after the date of the revocation of the license
- 22 conducted in the said premises, except in cases where the
- 23 licensee or a member of his immediate family is not the owner of
- 24 the premises, in which case the board may, in its discretion,
- 25 issue or transfer a license within said year. Such hearing
- 26 before and adjudication by an administrative law judge shall be
- 27 in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A (relating to
- 28 practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies).
- 29 Section 15. Sections 515, 519, 602(e), 603 and 604 of the
- 30 act are amended to read:

- 1 Section 515. Appeals.--The board, the enforcement [bureau]
- 2 <u>authority</u> or any applicant or any licensee aggrieved by any
- 3 decision refusing, suspending or revoking a license under the
- 4 provisions of this article may appeal to the court of the county
- 5 in which the licensed premises or the premises to be licensed
- 6 are located. In the event an applicant or a licensee shall have
- 7 no place of business established within the Commonwealth, his
- 8 appeal shall be to the Commonwealth Court. Such appeal shall be
- 9 in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to
- 10 judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).
- 11 Section 519. Penalties. -- Any person or persons who knowingly
- 12 violate any of the provisions of this article, or any person who
- 13 shall violate any of the conditions of any license issued under
- 14 the provisions of this article, or who shall falsify any record
- 15 or report required by this article to be kept, or who shall
- 16 violate any rule or regulation of the board, or who shall
- 17 interfere with, hinder or obstruct any inspection authorized by
- 18 this article, or prevent any member of the board or the
- 19 enforcement [bureau] authority or any person duly authorized and
- 20 designated by the board or the [bureau] enforcement authority
- 21 from entering any place which such member of the board or the
- 22 [bureau] enforcement authority or such person is authorized by
- 23 this article to enter for the purpose of making an inspection,
- 24 or who shall violate any other provision of this article, shall
- 25 be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall
- 26 be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars
- 27 (\$100), nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5000), or undergo
- 28 imprisonment of not more than three (3) years, or both, at the
- 29 discretion of the court.
- 30 Section 602. Forfeiture Proceedings.--* * *

- 1 (e) At the time of said hearing, if the Commonwealth shall
- 2 produce evidence that the property in question was unlawfully
- 3 possessed or used, the burden shall be upon the claimant to show
- 4 (1) that he is the owner of said property, (2) that he lawfully
- 5 acquired the same, and (3) that it was not unlawfully used or
- 6 possessed.
- 7 In the event such claimant shall prove by competent evidence
- 8 to the satisfaction of the court that said liquor, alcohol or
- 9 malt or brewed beverage, or still, equipment, material, utensil,
- 10 vehicle, boat, vessel, container, animal or aircraft was
- 11 lawfully acquired, possessed and used, then the court may order
- 12 the same returned or delivered to the claimant; but if it
- 13 appears that said liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverage or
- 14 still, equipment, material or utensil was unlawfully possessed
- 15 or used, the court shall order the same destroyed, delivered to
- 16 a hospital, or turned over to the board or enforcement [bureau]
- 17 <u>authority</u>, as hereinafter provided, or if it appears that said
- 18 vehicle, boat, vessel, container, animal or aircraft was
- 19 unlawfully possessed or used, the court may, in its discretion,
- 20 adjudge same forfeited and condemned as hereinafter provided.
- 21 Section 603. Disposition of Forfeited Property.--If, upon
- 22 petition as hereinbefore provided and hearing before the court
- 23 of common pleas, it appears that any liquor, alcohol, or malt or
- 24 brewed beverage or still, equipment, material or utensil was so
- 25 illegally possessed, or used, such liquor, alcohol or malt or
- 26 brewed beverage or still, equipment, material or utensil shall
- 27 be adjudged forfeited and condemned, or if it appears that any
- 28 vehicle, boat, vessel, container, animal or aircraft was so used
- 29 in the illegal manufacture or transportation of liquor, alcohol
- 30 or malt or brewed beverage, such property may, in the discretion

- 1 of the court, be adjudged forfeited and condemned and in such
- 2 case shall be disposed of as follows:
- 3 (a) Upon conviction of any person of a violation of any of
- 4 the provisions of this act, the court shall order the sheriff to
- 5 destroy all condemned liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverage
- 6 and property seized or obtained from such defendants, except
- 7 that the court may order the liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed
- 8 beverages, or any part thereof, to be delivered to a hospital
- 9 for its use, and make return to the court of compliance with
- 10 said order, and any vehicle, container, boat, vessel, animals or
- 11 aircraft seized under the provisions of this act shall be
- 12 disposed of as hereinafter provided.
- 13 (b) In any case in which the defendant is acquitted of a
- 14 violation of this act and denies the ownership or possession
- 15 thereof, or no claimant appears for same, or appearing, is
- 16 unable to sustain claim thereof, the court shall order all
- 17 condemned liquor, alcohol and malt or brewed beverages and
- 18 property (except vehicles, boats, vessels, containers, animals
- 19 and aircraft) publicly destroyed by the sheriff, except that the
- 20 court may order the liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed beverages,
- 21 or any part thereof, to be delivered to a hospital for its use.
- 22 Return of compliance with said order shall be made by the
- 23 sheriff to the court.
- 24 (c) In the case of any vehicle, boat, vessel, container,
- 25 animal or aircraft seized under the provisions of this act and
- 26 condemned, the court shall order the same to be delivered to the
- 27 enforcement [bureau] authority for its use or for sale or
- 28 disposition by the [bureau] enforcement authority, in its
- 29 discretion. Notice of such sale shall be given in such manner as
- 30 the [bureau] enforcement authority may prescribe. The proceeds

- 1 of such sale shall be paid into the State Stores Fund.
- Section 604. Motor Vehicle Licenses To Be Revoked.--In
- 3 addition to the foregoing provisions, the court may, in its
- 4 order of condemnation, and in every conviction under this act
- 5 where it shall appear that liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed
- 6 beverages were unlawfully transported in a motor vehicle,
- 7 declare that the license issued by the Department of
- 8 Transportation for any motor vehicle so forfeited and condemned,
- 9 or issued to any defendant convicted of transporting liquor,
- 10 alcohol or malt or brewed beverages in any motor vehicle, shall
- 11 be forfeited and revoked, and it shall be the duty of the clerk
- 12 of the court in which such conviction is had and order of
- 13 condemnation made to certify such conviction to the Secretary of
- 14 Transportation, who shall suspend or revoke the license issued
- 15 for such motor vehicles: Provided, That a license may be issued
- 16 for such motor vehicle to the board or the enforcement [bureau]
- 17 <u>authority</u> or to any purchaser of the vehicle after the sale
- 18 thereof, as above provided.
- 19 Section 16. Section 611(b) of the act, amended February 18,
- 20 1998 (P.L.162, No.25), is amended to read:
- 21 Section 611. Nuisances; Actions To Enjoin. --* * *
- 22 (b) An action to enjoin any nuisance defined in this act may
- 23 be brought in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by
- 24 the Attorney General, by the [Pennsylvania State Police through
- 25 its Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement] enforcement authority,
- 26 by the municipality wherein the establishment is located, by the
- 27 district attorney of the proper county or by a person who
- 28 resides or has a place of business within five hundred feet of
- 29 the location of the alleged nuisance. Such action shall be
- 30 brought and tried as an action in equity and may be brought in

- 1 any court having jurisdiction to hear and determine equity cases
- 2 within the county in which the offense occurs. If it is made to
- 3 appear, by affidavit or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the
- 4 court that such nuisance exists, a temporary writ of injunction
- 5 shall forthwith issue, restraining the defendant from conducting
- 6 or permitting the continuance of such nuisance until the
- 7 conclusion of the proceedings. If a temporary injunction is
- 8 prayed for, the court may issue an order restraining the
- 9 defendant and all other persons from removing or in any way
- 10 interfering with the liquids, beverages or other things used in
- 11 connection with the violation of this act constituting such
- 12 nuisance. No bond shall be required in instituting such
- 13 proceedings brought in the name of the Commonwealth by the
- 14 Attorney General, the [Pennsylvania State Police through its
- 15 Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement] enforcement authority, the
- 16 municipality where the establishment is located or the district
- 17 attorney of the proper county. Where such proceedings are
- 18 brought by a person, the court, upon application of the
- 19 defendant and prior to any injunction being issued, may direct
- 20 the plaintiff to post bond in such amount as the court may find
- 21 to be reasonable and sufficient. It shall not be necessary for
- 22 the court to find the property involved was being unlawfully
- 23 used, as aforesaid, at the time of the hearing, but on finding
- 24 that the material allegations of the petition are true, the
- 25 court shall order that no liquor, alcohol or malt or brewed
- 26 beverage shall be manufactured, sold, offered for sale,
- 27 transported, bartered or furnished, or stored in bond, or stored
- 28 for hire in such room, house, building, structure, boat,
- 29 vehicle, or place, or any part thereof.
- 30 * * *

- 1 Section 17. Section 802(e) of the act is amended to read:
- 2 Section 802. Moneys Paid Into The State Stores Fund for Use
- 3 of the Commonwealth.--* * *
- 4 (e) Annually, the General Assembly shall make an
- 5 appropriation from the State Stores Fund to provide for the
- 6 operational expenses of the enforcement [bureau] authority.
- 7 * * *
- 8 Section 18. (a) The sum of \$17,500,000, or as much thereof
- 9 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from The State
- 10 Stores Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007,
- 11 to the enforcement authorities to carry out the provisions of
- 12 this act. The funds appropriated shall be distributed among the
- 13 enforcement authorities as provided for in subsection (b).
- 14 (b) On July 1, 2006, and each July 1 thereafter, the
- 15 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board shall distribute the moneys
- 16 referred to in subsection (a) to each county in this
- 17 Commonwealth on a pro rata basis which reflects the percentage
- 18 of all existing retail and wholesale licenses and special
- 19 occasion permits issued in the county during the previous 12-
- 20 month period to the total of said licenses existing and special
- 21 occasion permits issued in the same time period within this
- 22 Commonwealth. The counties shall distribute the moneys to those
- 23 municipalities which have existing retail and wholesale licenses
- 24 and special occasion permits issued on a pro rata basis, which
- 25 reflects the number of the retail and wholesale licenses and
- 26 special occasion permits in a municipality during the preceding
- 27 12-month period to the total number of said licenses and permits
- 28 issued in the county. In those municipalities that are not
- 29 served by municipal and/or regional police departments, those
- 30 funds shall be dispersed to the Pennsylvania State Police.

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