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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, APRIL 14, 2016

AN ACT

1 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  
4 and 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 licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and  
18 brewed beverages, providing for national event permit.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. The act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known  
22 as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32,  
23 No.14) is amended by adding a section to read:

24 Section 408.17. National Event Permit.--(a) Upon  
25 application of the chief executive of a national political party  
26 conducting its national convention in this Commonwealth, or his

1 or her designee, or the official host committee of the national  
2 convention, the board may issue a national event permit or  
3 permits for events directly connected to the convention.

4 (b) The application shall include an application fee of  
5 five-thousand dollars (\$5,000). No additional fee shall be  
6 required for any subsequent application.

7 (c) The board shall approve the application unless doing so  
8 would clearly be against the public interest. If the board  
9 approves the application, the board shall determine the  
10 location, date and hours that the permit shall be in effect.  
11 More than one location may be licensed at one time.

12 (d) The permit shall have the same rights and restrictions  
13 as a special occasion permit issued under section 408.4, except  
14 as follows:

15 (1) The permit shall not be subject to the hours restriction  
16 under section 408.4(k), the days restrictions under section  
17 408(i) or the notice requirements under section 408.4(j).

18 (2) The permit may be issued to a location that is already  
19 licensed by the board so long as the board clearly states which  
20 permit or license is in effect.

21 (3) The permit holder may accept, import, possess or resell  
22 donated alcohol acquired from licensed and unlicensed entities  
23 so long as it receives board approval prior to doing so. The  
24 donated alcohol does not need to come to rest at a Pennsylvania  
25 Liquor Store prior to its use by the permit holder, unless the  
26 board so directs.

27 (4) If the proposed location is subject to a conditional  
28 licensing agreement that imposes additional conditions on the  
29 sale and service of alcohol at that location, the board may in  
30 its discretion waive some or all of those conditions while the

1 permit is in effect.

2 (5) No sales for off-premises consumption may occur unless  
3 the premises is already licensed by the board. In those cases,  
4 sales for off-premises consumption shall be subject to the same  
5 rights and restrictions as are imposed on the underlying  
6 license.

7 (e) A copy of each approved permit shall be made available  
8 to the public on the board's publicly accessible Internet  
9 website.

10 (f) This section shall expire on July 29, 2016, and no  
11 permit shall remain in effect after that date.

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