THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1298 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MASSER, JONES, MALONEY, MILLARD, DRISCOLL, R. BROWN, KEEFER, JAMES, MOUL, HERSHEY, WHEELAND AND ROWE, APRIL 27, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, APRIL 27, 2021

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An 1 act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and 2 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and 3 changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, 5 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 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain 13 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure 14 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; 15 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in Pennsylvania liquor stores, further providing for sales by 16 17 Pennsylvania liquor stores; and abrogating a regulation. 18 19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 20 hereby enacts as follows: 21 Section 1. Section 305(b) of the act of April 12, 1951 22 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is amended to read: 23 Section 305. Sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. --* * * 24 Every Pennsylvania Liquor Store shall sell liquors at
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wholesale to hotels, restaurants, clubs, and railroad, pullman

- 1 and steamship companies licensed under this act; and, under the
- 2 regulations of the board, to pharmacists duly licensed and
- 3 registered under the laws of the Commonwealth, and to
- 4 manufacturing pharmacists, and to reputable hospitals approved
- 5 by the board, or chemists. Sales to licensees shall be made at a
- 6 price that includes a discount of ten per centum from the retail
- 7 price; except that special order sales to licensees authorized
- 8 in subsection (a) shall not be subject to the ten per centum
- 9 discount. The board may sell to registered pharmacists only such
- 10 liquors as conform to the Pharmacopoeia of the United States,
- 11 the National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic
- 12 Pharmacopoeia. The board may sell at special prices under the
- 13 regulations of the board, to United States Armed Forces
- 14 facilities which are located on United States Armed Forces
- 15 installations and are conducted pursuant to the authority and
- 16 regulations of the United States Armed Forces. All other sales
- 17 by such stores shall be at retail, except that incentives, such
- 18 as coupons or discounts on certain products, may be offered to
- 19 unlicensed customers of the board as provided under sections
- 20 207 (m) and 493 (24) (ii) (B). A person entitled to purchase liquor
- 21 at wholesale prices may purchase the liquor at any Pennsylvania
- 22 Liquor Store upon tendering cash, check or credit card for the
- 23 full amount of the purchase. For this purpose, the board shall
- 24 issue a discount card to each licensee identifying such licensee
- 25 as a person authorized to purchase liquor at wholesale prices.
- 26 Such discount card shall be retained by the licensee. The board
- 27 may contract through the Commonwealth bidding process for
- 28 delivery to wholesale licensees at the expense of the licensee
- 29 receiving the delivery. The board may not impose a minimum
- 30 retail cost for an order to be purchased at wholesale under this

- 1 <u>subsection</u>.
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- 3 Section 2. The regulation of the Liquor Control Board at 40
- 4 Pa. Code § 11.5 (relating to issuance of wholesale liquor
- 5 purchase permit cards) is abrogated insofar as it is
- 6 inconsistent with the amendment of section 305(b) of the act.
- 7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.