



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

PRINTERS NO. 3722

PRIME SPONSOR: Petri

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 623, printer's number 3722, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), as reenacted, and known as The Liquor Code, to further provide for limiting number of retail licenses issued in each county; for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees, and for limited wineries. The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill amends Section 461 of The Liquor Code to authorize the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to issue a club liquor license to a volunteer fire company regardless of the number of restaurant and eating place retail dispenser licenses already issued in a county. New club licenses may not be transferred from person to person, place to place, or both.

Section 461 (b.1) of The Liquor Code is also amended to decrease the amount of gross sales that a (restaurant and eating place retail dispenser) Economic Development licensee must derive from the sale of food and nonalcoholic beverages to 50%. The current requirement is for these licensees to have food and nonalcoholic beverages sales equal to 70% or more.

The bill also amends Sections 493(34) and 505.2 of The Liquor Code to permit a limited winery licensed pursuant to Section 505.2 to use a loudspeaker inside or outside of the licensed premises for music, advertisement or other entertainment. If the limited winery is located in an area that is subject to a municipal ordinance regarding amplified music then the municipality may subject the licensee to that ordinance.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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**DATE:** June 13, 2014

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*