



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

PRINTERS NO. 303

PRIME SPONSOR: Deasy

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$1,000,000

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 325, printer's number 303, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Liquor Code, to establish the Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** The bill amends the Liquor Code by adding a new section (proposed as 505.5) to establish the Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board (the "Promotion Board") to make recommendations to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to award grants to entities to increase the production of Pennsylvania-made spirits. The Promotion Board shall also make recommendations to enhance the Pennsylvania distilled spirits industry through promotion, marketing and research-based programs and projects. Grants shall be awarded through a competitive grant review process. The PLCB shall annually allocate \$1,000,000 for the distilled industry grants recommended by the Promotion Board. The Promotion Board shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly detailing all grants and other actions.

The Promotion Board shall be composed of five members, one appointed by the Governor; four appointed by the General Assembly. Each member shall be a resident of the Commonwealth and have substantial experience or expertise in the Pennsylvania distilleries industry. The bill directs the Department of Agriculture to assist the Promotion Board in carrying out its powers and duties.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation will incur costs of \$1,000,000 annually from the States Stores Fund.

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**DATE:** March 15, 2019

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