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House of Representatives COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Garth Everett, State Representative

84th Legislative District

DATE:

January 5, 2011

SUBJECT:

Re-Introduction of Legislation - Limited Distillery License

(Former HB 2561)

I plan to re-introduce legislation to amend the Liquor Code to create a new type of liquor license called a Limited Distillery License.

Modeled after Pennsylvania's limited winery license, this legislation allows an individual to obtain a limited distillery license to produce no more than 40,000 gallons of distilled liquor per year. The licensee will have the ability to sell the bottled distilled liquor to the board and other licensees and directly to the public at the distillery between the hours of 9 am and 9 pm.

This legislation will also allow the limited distillery licensee to obtain a restaurant, hotel or malt and brewed beverage retail license so that the distillery may sell food, wine, beer or liquor for consumption on the premises.

A number of other states, including New York, have enacted similar legislation. These small distilleries are also known as "craft distilleries" and are similar to Pennsylvania's existing "brew pubs" and "limited wineries". These "craft distilleries" are very popular in other parts of the country in tourist areas and restaurant districts.

Please join me in sponsoring this legislation by contacting Chanin Zwing at 787-5270 or via e-mail at czwing@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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