



Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boseola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

I intend to introduce legislation that would allow for liquor license transfers within a single municipality that sits in two counties.

Act 141 of 2000 amended the Liquor Code to allow for liquor licenses to be transferred within a county. Previously, licenses could only be transferred within the municipality in which the license was issued. However, when the law was changed in 2000, municipalities that lie in two counties were inadvertently not addressed in the changes to the law.

The city of Bethlehem within my district is one of 12 municipalities in the state that is situated in two counties, Lehigh and Northampton. Under current law, a license that is issued in Bethlehem, Lehigh County can only be transferred to another location within Bethlehem, Lehigh County. It is illegal to transfer the license to Bethlehem, Northampton County. As you can imagine, this provision drastically limits where a license can be transferred. Additionally, it is clear that the intent of Act 141 was to expand the potential locations of license transfers, not to limit them.

I intend to introduce legislation that would allow for a transfer of a liquor license within the entire municipality if the municipality sits in two counties. However, transfers would be limited to within the municipality, not to the entire county.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan at my office at 7-4236 or via e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.