

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Eugene DePasquale

**DATE:** February 25, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Legislation Regarding Political Campaign Contributions from Wine and Spirits Licensees and Others

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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would prohibit political campaign contributions from wine and spirits licensees and those associated with the licensee or the license application process.

As you know, a proposal was introduced last session to privatize our state's wine and spirits retail and wholesale operations, and similar legislation is likely to be introduced this session. In an effort to take a proactive approach to address potential conflicts of interest within the privatization licensing process, the legislation I will be introducing would prohibit political campaign contributions from the following:

- An applicant for a license.
- A licensee.
- A principal or key employee of an applicant or licensee.
- An affiliate, intermediary, subsidiary, or holding company of an applicant or licensee.
- A principal or key employee of an affiliate, intermediary, subsidiary, or holding company of an applicant or licensee.
- A person who holds a similar license in another jurisdiction outside of the Commonwealth and the affiliates, intermediaries, subsidiaries, holding companies, principals, or key employees of that person.

If the Commonwealth decides to privatize its wine and spirits operations, I believe it is vital that we do all we can to ensure that the licensing process is fair. By prohibiting political campaign contributions in this process, I believe we can accomplish this goal and take a step forward in earning the public's trust.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory at 717-787-7514 or [cclory@pahouse.net](mailto:cclory@pahouse.net). Thank you for your time.