

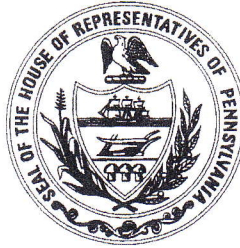
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FROM: REP. PETER J. DALEY, DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN
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SUBJECT: ADDING ACCOMMODATIONS TO FUNERAL DIRECTOR LAW

DATE: Nov. 16, 2011

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would amend the Funeral Director Law, to ensure that individuals with disabilities can pursue a career in this field.

The need for additional accommodations for individuals with disabilities recently came to light when one of my constituents, who happens to be in a wheelchair, spoke about the obstacles he has faced in his failed effort to become a funeral director.

At issue is the fact that Pennsylvania has a single license to become a funeral director. Pennsylvania is one of 22 states with a single license, which requires candidates in this field to complete education and training on the business and psycho-social aspects of funeral directing, as well as embalming and preparing human remains. In 28 other states, individuals can apply for a license as either an embalmer or as a funeral director.

My proposed legislation would not alter Pennsylvania's current single license status, but instead would require the State Board of Funeral Directors to adopt regulations within the Funeral Director Law to ensure accommodations are made for individuals with disabilities, so that these individuals are not precluded, due to a disability, from becoming a funeral director.

It is hard to believe that in our society where we have made great strides in protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities, that such a barrier to an occupation remains. We have an opportunity now to make a difference; I hope that you will join me in supporting this effort.

Please call Jamie Macon at 783-9333 (or e-mail, jmacon@pahouse.net) if you would like to cosponsor this legislation or would like to receive a draft copy.

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**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "PA CRAFT
BEER MONTH"**

DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2011

In the near future, I plan to introduce a non-controversial resolution recognizing the month of February as PA Craft Beer Month.

Of the top 50 brewing companies in the United States, five of them operate in Pennsylvania. Of those five, Yuengling and Sam Adams are ranked 4th and 5th just below Anheuser-Busch, MillerCoors, and Pabst.

In 2010, economic impact studies found that the beer industry affects nearly 60,000 jobs being held by Pennsylvanians. They also said that the beer industry generates over \$6.9 billion in the state of Pennsylvania alone as well as tax revenue just under the amount of \$1.2 billion on the federal, state, and local levels.

Our brewers, (76 of the 78 being small businesses) use as many local resources as possible to produce their beer including locally grown fruit, spices, wheat, corn, barley, and hops; as well as water, glass, and packaging materials.

Why February? February is a very slow month for beer sales around the country due to the lack of events between the end of the football season and St. Patrick's Day. The recognition of our talented local brewers would act as a small boost to the economy and a large boost to our brewers' morale.

I invite you to join me in celebrating the talent and innovation of Pennsylvania's brewers during the month of February.

Please call Jamie Macon at 783-9333 (or e-mail, jmacon@pahouse.net) if you would like to co-sponsor this resolution.

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