

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Dante Santoni  
**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Special Permit for Small Brewers

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would allow a small or craft brewery to obtain a special permit to be utilized at farmers markets and craft beer and food expositions. Small brewers will be able to use a special permit to offer tasting and sales of their products for off premise consumption. Similar to the special permit for limited wineries, breweries would pay a fee of \$30 per day for each day of permitted use not to exceed 30 days. The total number of days for all the special permits may not exceed 100 days in a calendar year.

The craft brew industry has grown at an astounding rate in the past several years. In 2007 craft brewers had 3.8% of the market compared to the 5.68% in 2011. This legislation will provide these small businesses the niche they need to market their fine products and showcase Pennsylvania's growing craft beer industry.

I plan on introducing this legislation by the end of the week, if you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please call my office at 3-4009 or email [stomas@pahouse.net](mailto:stomas@pahouse.net).