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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1864** Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY HANNA, CALTAGIRONE, DENLINGER, MANN AND READSHAW,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, OCTOBER 2, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as  
2 reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and  
3 malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating  
4 and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and  
5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession,  
6 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding  
7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic  
8 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the  
9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing  
11 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores,  
12 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective  
13 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain  
14 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure  
15 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures;  
16 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws,"  
17 further providing for prohibitions against the grant of  
18 licenses.

19 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
20 hereby enacts as follows:

21 Section 1. Section 437(f) of the act of April 12, 1951  
22 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended  
23 June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14) and amended December 7, 1990  
24 (P.L.622, No.160), is amended to read:

25 Section 437. Prohibitions Against the Grant of Licenses.--\*

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2 (f) No new distributor's or importing distributor's license  
3 shall hereafter be granted by the board in any county of the  
4 Commonwealth where the combined number of distributor and  
5 importing distributor licenses exceeds one license for each  
6 thirty thousand inhabitants of the county in which the license  
7 is to be issued: Provided, That a combined total of [five] four  
8 such licenses may be granted in any county of the Commonwealth.

9 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as denying the  
10 right of the board to renew or to transfer existing  
11 distributors' or importing distributors' licenses or to exchange  
12 a distributor's license for an importing distributor's license  
13 or to exchange an importing distributor's license for a  
14 distributor's license, upon adjustment of the applicable fee,  
15 notwithstanding that the number of such licensed places in the  
16 county shall exceed the limitation hereinbefore prescribed:  
17 Provided, That no distributor's license or importing  
18 distributor's license shall be transferred from one county to  
19 another county so long as the quota is filled in the county to  
20 which the license is proposed to be transferred.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.