

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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E. Z. TAYLOR, WASHINGTON AND WATSON, MAY 13, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, MAY 13, 2002

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 requiring certain licensees to install, maintain and use  
18 electronic age verification equipment.

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

21 Section 1. The act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known  
22 as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32,  
23 No.14), is amended by adding a section to read:

24 Section 217. Age Verification System.--(a) It is the  
25 purpose of this section to require an accurate identification

1 system and to provide privacy and confidentiality of information  
2 obtained from an individual's driver's license unless the  
3 individual gives his expressed consent otherwise. The board  
4 shall impose penalties on those who violate this section.

5 (b) The board shall require any liquor sale establishment  
6 that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the  
7 premises to install, maintain and use electronic age  
8 verification equipment that scans identification cards and  
9 displays the age of the person as indicated on the card.

10 (c) Any entity that fails to comply with this section  
11 commits a violation of this act and shall be subject to the  
12 penalties provided in section 494.

13 (d) As used in this section, the following words and phrases  
14 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

15 "Electronic age verification equipment" shall mean equipment  
16 that electronically reads an identification card and displays  
17 the age of the person identified on the card.

18 "Liquor sale establishments" shall mean a licensee who has a  
19 restaurant, hotel, malt or brewed beverage license issued by the  
20 board.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in one year.