

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, WAGNER, BELL, BODACK, BOSCOLA, CONTI, COSTA, FUMO, HOLL, HUGHES, KASUNIC, KITCHEN, KUKOVICH, LAVALLE, LOGAN, MADIGAN, MELLOW, MUSTO, O'PAKE, RHOADES, STACK, STOUT, TOMLINSON, A. WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON AND SCHWARTZ, MAY 2, 2001

SENATOR CONTI, LAW AND JUSTICE, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 11, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Calling upon the Governor to renew contract negotiations by
2 entering into binding arbitration and to reward valued
3 Commonwealth employees for their dedicated work.

4 WHEREAS, The UFCW State Store Organizing Committee/PLCB
5 Contract is the only unresolved collective bargaining agreement
6 under the Governor's jurisdiction; and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly 3,000 employees of the Pennsylvania Liquor
8 Control Board who serve as retail clerks have been working under
9 the extension of a collective bargaining agreement that expired
10 on June 30, 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, Nearly ~~three~~ FIVE years of negotiations and attempts ←
12 to mediate between the Ridge Administration and the retail
13 clerks' collective bargaining representatives have not resulted
14 in a new contract; and

15 WHEREAS, Many PLCB employees have not received a raise in
16 over ~~five~~ SEVEN years and some have lost important health ←
17 benefits; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board profits for the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, exceeded \$74 million, and
3 total Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board contributions to the
4 General Fund exceeded \$273 million; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board profits for the
6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, increased by more than \$16
7 million to almost \$83 million, and total Pennsylvania Liquor
8 Control Board contributions to the General Fund exceeded \$290
9 million; and

10 WHEREAS, The compensation and benefits provided to
11 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board clerks are provided from these
12 contributions, not tax dollars; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That ~~Governor Ridge~~ THE GOVERNOR acknowledge the <—
14 valuable work of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board retail
15 clerks in generating income for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 while maintaining integrity and conformance with the liquor laws
17 of Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That ~~Governor Ridge~~ THE GOVERNOR immediately enter <—
19 into binding arbitration with the collective bargaining
20 representatives of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board retail
21 clerks so that an employment contract may be adopted ~~before the~~ <—
22 ~~end of this fiscal year~~ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. <—