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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, MARCH 29, 2011

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and 2 3 malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and 4 5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding 6 7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the 8 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and 9 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing 10 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, 11 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective 12 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain 13 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure 14 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; 15 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," 16 further providing for issuance, transfer or extension of 17 hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses, for the 18 definition of "public venue," for public venue licenses, for 19 court jurisdiction on appeals from decision of the board, for 20 hearings before the board and administrative law judges, for 21 revocation of licenses, for increased fines and for renewal 22 of licenses; and providing for licensees engaged in or 23 allowing other businesses on licensed premises. 24
- 25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 26 hereby enacts as follows:
- 27 Section 1. The definition of "public venue" in section 102
- 28 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the
- 29 Liquor Code, reenacted and amended June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14)

- 1 and amended June 25, 2010 (P.L.217, No.35), is amended to read:
- 2 Section 102. Definitions. -- The following words or phrases,
- 3 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the
- 4 meanings ascribed to them in this section:
- 5 * * *
- 6 "Public venue" shall mean a stadium, arena, convention
- 7 center, museum, zoo, amphitheater or similar structure. If the
- 8 public venue is a cruise terminal owned or leased by a port
- 9 authority created under the act of June 12, 1931 (P.L.575,
- 10 No.200), entitled "An act providing for joint action by
- 11 Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on
- 12 the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities
- 13 for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor,
- 14 for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey;
- 15 creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the
- 16 powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance
- 17 projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the
- 18 new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint
- 19 Commission; and making an appropriation," it shall have no
- 20 permanent seating requirement. If the public venue is an open-
- 21 air amphitheater owned by a port authority created under the act
- 22 of December 6, 1972 (P.L.1392, No.298), known as the "Third
- 23 Class City Port Authority Act," it shall have no permanent
- 24 seating requirement. If the public venue is owned by a political
- 25 subdivision, a municipal authority, the Commonwealth, an
- 26 authority created under the act of July 29, 1953 (P.L.1034,
- 27 No.270), known as the "Public Auditorium Authorities Law," an
- 28 authority created under Article XXV-A of the act of July 28,
- 29 1953 (P.L.723, No.230), known as the "Second Class County Code,"
- 30 an art museum established under the authority of the act of

- 1 April 6, 1791 (3 Sm.L.20, No.1536), entitled "An act to confer
- 2 on certain associations of the citizens of this commonwealth the
- 3 powers and immunities of corporations, or bodies politic in
- 4 law," or an authority created under Article XXIII (n) or (o) of
- 5 the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as "The
- 6 County Code," it shall have permanent seating for at least one
- 7 thousand (1,000) people; otherwise, it shall have permanent
- 8 seating for at least two thousand (2,000) people. The term shall
- 9 also mean any regional history center, multipurpose cultural and
- 10 science facility, museum or convention or trade show center,
- 11 regardless of owner and seating capacity, that has a floor area
- 12 of at least sixty thousand (60,000) square feet in one building.
- 13 The term shall also mean a convention or conference center owned
- 14 by a city of the third class or a university which is a member
- 15 of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education which is
- 16 operated by a university foundation or alumni association,
- 17 regardless of seating capacity, that has a floor area of at
- 18 least fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet in one building. The
- 19 term shall also mean a visitor center, regardless of floor area
- 20 or seating capacity, that was established under the authority of
- 21 the Gateway Visitor Center Authorization Act of 1999 (Public Law
- 22 106-131, 113 Stat. 1678, 16 U.S.C. § 407m)). <u>If the public venue</u>
- 23 <u>is a zoo, is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and</u>
- 24 Aquariums, occupies at least thirty (30) acres, has been in
- 25 existence at least one hundred (100) years and is located in a
- 26 city of the first or second class, then it shall have no square
- 27 <u>footage or permanent seating requirements.</u>
- 28 * * *
- 29 Section 2. Section 404 of the act, amended January 6, 2006
- 30 (P.L.1, No.1), is amended to read:

- 1 Section 404. Issuance, Transfer or Extension of Hotel,
- 2 Restaurant and Club Liquor Licenses. -- (a) Upon receipt of the
- 3 application and the proper fees, and upon being satisfied of the
- 4 truth of the statements in the application that the applicant is
- 5 the only person in any manner pecuniarily interested in the
- 6 business so asked to be licensed and that no other person will
- 7 be in any manner pecuniarily interested therein during the
- 8 continuance of the license, except as hereinafter permitted, and
- 9 that the applicant is a person of good repute, that the premises
- 10 applied for meet all the requirements of this act and the
- 11 regulations of the board, that the applicant seeks a license for
- 12 a hotel, restaurant or club, as defined in this act, and that
- 13 the issuance of such license is not prohibited by any of the
- 14 provisions of this act, the board shall, in the case of a hotel
- 15 or restaurant, grant and issue to the applicant a liquor
- 16 license, and in the case of a club may, in its discretion, issue
- 17 or refuse a license: Provided, however, That in the case of any
- 18 new license or the transfer of any license to a new location or
- 19 the extension of an existing license to cover an additional area
- 20 the board may, in its discretion, grant or refuse such new
- 21 license, transfer or extension if such place proposed to be
- 22 licensed is within three hundred feet of any church, hospital,
- 23 charitable institution, school, or public playground, or if such
- 24 new license, transfer or extension is applied for a place which
- 25 is within two hundred feet of any other premises which is
- 26 licensed by the board: And provided further, That the board's
- 27 authority to refuse to grant a license because of its proximity
- 28 to a church, hospital, charitable institution, public playground
- 29 or other licensed premises shall not be applicable to license
- 30 applications submitted for public venues or performing arts

- 1 facilities: And provided further, That the board shall refuse
- 2 any application for a new license, the transfer of any license
- 3 to a new location or the extension of an existing license to
- 4 cover an additional area if, in the board's opinion, such new
- 5 license, transfer or extension would be detrimental to the
- 6 welfare, health, peace and morals of the inhabitants of the
- 7 neighborhood within a radius of five hundred feet of the place
- 8 proposed to be licensed: And provided further, That the board
- 9 shall have the discretion to refuse a license to any person or
- 10 to any corporation, partnership or association if such person,
- 11 or any officer or director of such corporation, or any member or
- 12 partner of such partnership or association shall have been
- 13 convicted or found guilty of a felony within a period of five
- 14 years immediately preceding the date of application for the said
- 15 license. The board shall refuse any application for a new
- 16 license, the transfer of any license to a new location or the
- 17 extension of any license to cover an additional area where the
- 18 sale of liquid fuels or oil is conducted. The board may enter
- 19 into an agreement with the applicant concerning additional
- 20 restrictions on the license in question. If the board and the
- 21 applicant enter into such an agreement, such agreement shall be
- 22 binding on the applicant. Failure by the applicant to adhere to
- 23 the agreement will be sufficient cause to form the basis for a
- 24 citation under section 471 and for the nonrenewal of the license
- 25 under section 470. If the board enters into an agreement with an
- 26 applicant concerning additional restrictions, those restrictions
- 27 shall be binding on subsequent holders of the license until the
- 28 license is transferred to a new location or until the board
- 29 enters into a subsequent agreement removing those restrictions.
- 30 If the application in question involves a location previously

- 1 licensed by the board, then any restrictions imposed by the
- 2 board on the previous license at that location shall be binding
- 3 on the applicant unless the board enters into a new agreement
- 4 rescinding those restrictions. The board may, in its discretion,
- 5 refuse an application for an economic development license under
- 6 section 461(b.1) or an application for an intermunicipal
- 7 transfer of a license if the board receives a protest from the
- 8 governing body of the receiving municipality. The receiving
- 9 municipality of an intermunicipal transfer or an economic
- 10 development license under section 461(b.1) may file a protest
- 11 against the transfer of a license into its municipality, and the
- 12 receiving municipality shall have standing in a hearing to
- 13 present testimony in support of or against the issuance or
- 14 transfer of a license. Upon any opening in any quota, an
- 15 application for a new license shall only be filed with the board
- 16 for a period of six months following said opening.
- 17 <u>(b) If a person is seeking a transfer of a hotel, restaurant</u>
- 18 or eating place license in a city of the first class, proof or
- 19 <u>certification of zoning compliance for the hotel</u>, restaurant or
- 20 eating place for which the license transfer is being applied
- 21 must be submitted with the application.
- Section 3. Section 412(b) and (f)(1) of the act, amended
- 23 February 21, 2002 (P.L.103, No.10), are amended to read:
- 24 Section 412. Public Venue License. --* * *
- 25 (b) An application for a restaurant liquor license under
- 26 this section may be made by the owner of the public venue, the
- 27 operator of the public venue or by a concessionaire designated
- 28 by the governing body of either the owner of the public venue or
- 29 the operator. The application and issuance of the license is
- 30 subject to sections 403 and 404 unless otherwise stated, except

- 1 that private banquets and other events at zoos may be held at
- 2 any site within the zoo property. The licensing period shall be
- 3 as set forth by the board under section 402. The application,
- 4 renewal and filing fees shall be as prescribed in section 614-
- 5 A(25) of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as
- 6 "The Administrative Code of 1929."
- 7 * * *
- 8 (f) Licenses issued under this section are to be considered
- 9 restaurant liquor licenses. However, the following additional
- 10 restrictions and privileges apply:
- 11 (1) Sales may only be made one hour before, during and one
- 12 hour after any athletic performance, performing arts event,
- 13 trade show, convention, banquet or any other performance at the
- 14 facility; however, sales may not be made from two o'clock
- 15 antemeridian to seven o'clock antemeridian. In addition, sales
- 16 may not occur prior to eleven o'clock antemeridian on Sundays or
- 17 seven o'clock antemeridian on Mondays. Notwithstanding this
- 18 section, facilities that had been licensed under former sections
- 19 408.9 and 408.14 and zoos may sell liquor and/or malt or brewed
- 20 beverages anytime except from two o'clock antemeridian to seven
- 21 o'clock antemeridian or prior to eleven o'clock antemeridian on
- 22 Sundays or seven o'clock antemeridian on Mondays, regardless of
- 23 whether there is a performance at the facility.
- 24 * * *
- Section 4. Section 464 of the act, amended December 9, 2002
- 26 (P.L.1653, No.212), is amended to read:
- 27 Section 464. Hearings Upon Refusal of Licenses, Renewals or
- 28 Transfers; Appeals. -- The board may of its own motion, and shall
- 29 upon the written request of any applicant for club, hotel or
- 30 restaurant liquor license, or any applicant for any malt or

- 1 brewed beverage license other than a public service license, or
- 2 for renewal or transfer thereof, or for the renewal of an
- 3 amusement permit, whose application for such license, renewal or
- 4 transfer, or the renewal of an amusement permit, has been
- 5 refused, fix a time and place for hearing of such application
- 6 for license or for renewal or transfer thereof, or the renewal
- 7 of an amusement permit, notice of which hearing shall be mailed
- 8 to the applicant at the address given in his application. Such
- 9 hearing shall be before a hearing examiner designated by the
- 10 board. At such hearing, the board shall present its reasons for
- 11 its refusal or withholding of license, renewal or transfer
- 12 thereof, or its refusal for renewal of an amusement permit. The
- 13 applicant may appear in person or by counsel, may cross-examine
- 14 the witnesses for the board and may present evidence which shall
- 15 likewise be subject to cross-examination by the board. Such
- 16 hearing shall be stenographically recorded. The hearing examiner
- 17 shall thereafter report, with the examiner's recommendation, to
- 18 the board in each case. The board shall thereupon grant or
- 19 refuse the license, renewal or transfer thereof or the renewal
- 20 of an amusement permit. In considering the renewal of a license
- 21 or amusement permit, the board shall not refuse any such renewal
- 22 on the basis of the propriety of the original issuance or any
- 23 prior renewal of such license or amusement permit. If the board
- 24 shall refuse such license, renewal or transfer or the renewal of
- 25 an amusement permit, following such hearing, notice in writing
- 26 of such refusal shall be mailed to the applicant at the address
- 27 given in his application. In all such cases, the board shall
- 28 file of record at least a brief statement in the form of an
- 29 opinion of the reasons for the ruling or order and furnish a
- 30 copy thereof to the applicant. Any applicant who has appeared at

- 1 any hearing, as above provided, who is aggrieved by the refusal
- 2 of the board to issue any such license or to renew or transfer
- 3 any such license or to issue or renew any amusement permit may
- 4 appeal, or any church, hospital, charitable institution, school
- 5 or public playground located within three hundred feet of the
- 6 premises applied for, aggrieved by the action of the board in
- 7 granting the issuance of any such license or the transfer of any
- 8 such license, may take an appeal limited to the question of such
- 9 grievance, within twenty days from date of refusal or grant, to
- 10 the court of common pleas of the county in which the premises or
- 11 permit applied for is located. If the application is for an
- 12 economic development license under section 461(b.1) or the
- 13 intermunicipal transfer of a license, the governing body of the
- 14 municipality receiving the new license or the transferred
- 15 license may file an appeal of the board decision granting the
- 16 license, within twenty days of the date of the board's decision,
- 17 to the court of common pleas of the county in which the proposed
- 18 premises is located. Such appeal shall be upon petition of the
- 19 aggrieved party, who shall serve a copy thereof upon the board,
- 20 whereupon a hearing shall be held upon the petition by the court
- 21 upon ten days' notice to the board. The said appeal shall,
- 22 <u>except in cases involving the renewal of a license</u>, act as a
- 23 supersedeas unless upon sufficient cause shown the court shall
- 24 determine otherwise. The court shall [hear the application de
- 25 novo on questions of fact, administrative discretion and such
- 26 other matters as are involved, at such time as it shall fix, of
- 27 which notice shall be given to the board. The court shall either
- 28 sustain or over-rule the action of the board and either order or
- 29 deny the issuance of a new license or the renewal or transfer of
- 30 the license or the renewal of an amusement permit to the

- 1 applicant] affirm the board unless the board's decision is an
- 2 error of law, an abuse of discretion or unless the board's
- 3 decision is not supported by substantial evidence.
- 4 Section 5. Section 470(a) and (b) of the act, amended
- 5 December 9, 2002 (P.L.1653, No.212) and December 8, 2004
- 6 (P.L.1810, No.239), are amended and the section is amended by
- 7 adding subsections to read:
- 8 Section 470. Renewal of Licenses; Temporary Provisions for
- 9 Licensees in Armed Service. -- (a) All applications for renewal
- 10 of licenses under the provisions of this article shall be filed
- 11 with tax clearance from the Department of Revenue and the
- 12 Department of Labor and Industry and requisite license and
- 13 filing fees at least sixty days before the expiration date of
- 14 same: Provided, however, That the board, in its discretion, may
- 15 accept nunc pro tunc a renewal application filed less than sixty
- 16 days before the expiration date of the license with the required
- 17 fees, upon reasonable cause shown and the payment of an
- 18 additional filing fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for late
- 19 filing: And provided further, That except where the failure to
- 20 file a renewal application on or before the expiration date has
- 21 created a license quota vacancy after said expiration date which
- 22 has been filled by the issuance of a new license, after such
- 23 expiration date, but before the board has received a renewal
- 24 application nunc pro tunc within the time prescribed herein the
- 25 board, in its discretion, may, after hearing, accept a renewal
- 26 application filed within two years after the expiration date of
- 27 the license with the required fees upon the payment of an
- 28 additional filing fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for
- 29 late filing. Where any such renewal application is filed less
- 30 than sixty days before the expiration date, or subsequent to the

- 1 expiration date, no license shall issue upon the filing of the
- 2 renewal application until the matter is finally determined by
- 3 the board and if an appeal is taken from the board's action the
- 4 courts shall not order the issuance of the renewal license until
- 5 final determination of the matter by the courts. The board may
- 6 enter into an agreement with the applicant concerning additional
- 7 restrictions on the license in question. If the board and the
- 8 applicant enter into such an agreement, such agreement shall be
- 9 binding on the applicant. Failure by the applicant to adhere to
- 10 the agreement will be sufficient cause to form the basis for a
- 11 citation under section 471 and for the nonrenewal of the license
- 12 under this section. A renewal application will not be considered
- 13 filed unless accompanied by the requisite filing and license
- 14 fees and any additional filing fee required by this section.
- 15 Unless the board shall have given ten days' previous notice to
- 16 the applicant of objections to the renewal of his license, based
- 17 upon violation by the licensee or his servants, agents or
- 18 employes of any of the laws of the Commonwealth or regulations
- 19 of the board relating to the manufacture, transportation, use,
- 20 storage, importation, possession or sale of liquors, alcohol or
- 21 malt or brewed beverages, or the conduct of a licensed
- 22 establishment, or unless the applicant or its shareholders,
- 23 <u>directors</u>, <u>officers</u>, <u>association members</u>, <u>servants</u>, <u>agents or</u>
- 24 employes has by his own act become a person of ill repute, or
- 25 unless the premises do not meet the requirements of this act or
- 26 the regulations of the board, the license of a licensee shall be
- 27 renewed.
- 28 * * *
- 29 (b) In cases where a licensee or its servants, agents or
- 30 employes are arrested or charged with violating any of the laws

- 1 of this Commonwealth or if a licensee has one or more
- 2 unadjudicated citations pending against the licensee at the time
- 3 a renewal application for the license is pending before the
- 4 board, the board may, in its discretion, renew the license;
- 5 however, the renewed license may be subsequently revoked by the
- 6 board if and when the licensee or its servants, agents or
- 7 employes are convicted of the pending criminal charges or when
- 8 the citation issued against the license is adjudicated by the
- 9 Office of Administrative Law Judge.
- 10 In the event the renewal license is revoked by the board,
- 11 neither the license fee paid for the license nor any part
- 12 thereof shall be returned to the licensee. A licensee whose
- 13 license is revoked shall be ineligible to have a license under
- 14 this act until the expiration of three years from the date the
- 15 license was revoked. In the event a license is revoked, no
- 16 <u>license may be granted for the premises or transferred to the</u>
- 17 premises in which the said license was conducted for a period of
- 18 at least one year after the date of the revocation of the
- 19 license conducted in the premises, except in cases where the
- 20 licensee or a member of the licensee's immediate family is not
- 21 the owner of the premises, in which case the board may, in its
- 22 discretion, issue or transfer a license within the year.
- 23 * * *
- 24 (d) If the renewal of the license is objected to because of
- 25 the reputation of the applicant or its shareholders, directors,
- 26 officers, association members, servants, agents or employes or
- 27 <u>under subsection (a.1), the Director of the Bureau of Licensing</u>
- 28 may, in the director's discretion, grant the applicant temporary
- 29 operating authority under whatever terms the director deems
- 30 appropriate. The operating authority shall not exceed 90

- 1 <u>calendar days</u>.
- 2 (e) If the renewal of the license is objected to because of
- 3 the reputation of the applicant or its shareholders, directors,
- 4 <u>officers, association members, servants, agents or employes or</u>
- 5 under subsection (a.1), the board shall render a decision on the
- 6 <u>application within 90 calendar days.</u>
- 7 Section 6. Section 471(b) of the act, amended July 6, 2005
- 8 (P.L.135, No.39), is amended to read:
- 9 Section 471. Revocation and Suspension of Licenses; Fines.--
- 10 * * *
- 11 (b) Hearing on such citations shall be held in the same
- 12 manner as provided herein for hearings on applications for
- 13 license. Upon such hearing, if satisfied that any such violation
- 14 has occurred or for other sufficient cause, the administrative
- 15 law judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the license, or
- 16 impose a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than
- 17 [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] two thousand dollars (\$2,000),
- 18 or both, notifying the licensee by registered letter addressed
- 19 to his licensed premises. If the licensee has been cited and
- 20 found to have violated section 493(1) insofar as it relates to
- 21 sales to minors or sales to a visibly intoxicated person,
- 22 section 493(10) insofar as it relates to lewd, immoral or
- 23 improper entertainment or section 493(14), (16) or (21), or has
- 24 been found to be a public nuisance pursuant to section 611, or
- 25 if the owner or operator of the licensed premises or any
- 26 authorized agent of the owner or operator has been convicted of
- 27 any violation of the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64),
- 28 known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic
- 29 Act," or of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5902 (relating to prostitution and
- 30 related offenses) or 6301 (relating to corruption of minors), at

- 1 or relating to the licensed premises, the administrative law
- 2 judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the license, or impose
- 3 a fine of not less than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] two
- 4 <u>thousand dollars (\$2,000)</u> nor more than [five thousand dollars
- 5 (\$5,000)] <u>ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)</u>, or both. <u>If the</u>
- 6 <u>licensee has been cited for and found to be knowingly aware of</u>
- 7 <u>an illegal firearms transaction which occurs on the licensed</u>
- 8 premises, the administrative law judge shall immediately revoke
- 9 the license and impose a fine of not less than two thousand
- 10 dollars (\$2,000) nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- 11 However, if a licensee has been cited and found to have violated
- 12 section 493(1) as it relates to sales to minors or sales to a
- 13 visibly intoxicated person but at the time of the sale the
- 14 licensee was in compliance with the requirements set forth in
- 15 section 471.1 and the licensee had not sold to minors or visibly
- 16 intoxicated persons in the previous four years, then the
- 17 administrative law judge shall immediately suspend or revoke the
- 18 license, or impose a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50)
- 19 nor more than [one thousand dollars (\$1,000)] two thousand
- 20 <u>dollars (\$2,000)</u>, or both. The administrative law judge shall
- 21 notify the licensee by registered mail, addressed to the
- 22 licensed premises, of such suspension, revocation or fine. In
- 23 the event the fine is not paid within twenty days of the
- 24 adjudication, the administrative law judge shall suspend or
- 25 revoke the license, notifying the licensee by registered mail
- 26 addressed to the licensed premises. Suspensions and revocations
- 27 shall not go into effect until thirty days have elapsed from the
- 28 date of the adjudication during which time the licensee may take
- 29 an appeal as provided for in this act, except that revocations
- 30 mandated in section 481(c) shall go into effect immediately. Any

- 1 licensee whose license is revoked shall be ineligible to have a
- 2 license under this act until the expiration of three years from
- 3 the date such license was revoked. In the event a license is
- 4 revoked, no license shall be granted for the premises or
- 5 transferred to the premises in which the said license was
- 6 conducted for a period of at least one year after the date of
- 7 the revocation of the license conducted in the said premises,
- 8 except in cases where the licensee or a member of his immediate
- 9 family is not the owner of the premises, in which case the board
- 10 may, in its discretion, issue or transfer a license within the
- 11 said year. In the event the bureau or the person who was fined
- 12 or whose license was suspended or revoked shall feel aggrieved
- 13 by the adjudication of the administrative law judge, there shall
- 14 be a right to appeal to the board. The appeal shall be based
- 15 solely on the record before the administrative law judge. The
- 16 board shall only reverse the decision of the administrative law
- 17 judge if the administrative law judge committed an error of law,
- 18 abused its discretion or if its decision is not based on
- 19 substantial evidence. In the event the bureau or the person who
- 20 was fined or whose license was suspended or revoked shall feel
- 21 aggrieved by the decision of the board, there shall be a right
- 22 to appeal to the court of common pleas [in the same manner as
- 23 herein provided for appeals from refusals to grant licenses.]
- 24 which shall affirm the board unless the board's decision is an
- 25 error of law, is an abuse of discretion or unless the board's
- 26 <u>decision is not supported by substantial evidence.</u> Each of the
- 27 appeals shall act as a supersedeas unless, upon sufficient cause
- 28 shown, the reviewing authority shall determine otherwise;
- 29 however, if the licensee has been cited and found to have
- 30 violated section 493(1) insofar as it relates to sales to minors

- 1 or sales to a visibly intoxicated person, section 493(10)
- 2 insofar as it relates to lewd, immoral or improper entertainment
- 3 or section 493(14), (16) or (21), or has been found to be a
- 4 public nuisance pursuant to section 611, or if the owner or
- 5 operator of the licensed premises or any authorized agent of the
- 6 owner or operator has been convicted of any violation of "The
- 7 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," or of 18
- 8 Pa.C.S. § 5902 or 6301, at or relating to the licensed premises,
- 9 or if the license has been revoked under section 481(c), or if
- 10 the license is revoked because of an illegal firearm
- 11 transaction, its appeal shall not act as a supersedeas unless
- 12 the reviewing authority determines otherwise upon sufficient
- 13 cause shown. In any hearing on an application for a supersedeas
- 14 under this section, the reviewing authority may consider, in
- 15 addition to other relevant evidence, documentary evidence,
- 16 including records of the bureau, showing the prior history of
- 17 citations, fines, suspensions or revocations against the
- 18 licensee; and the reviewing authority may also consider, in
- 19 addition to other relevant evidence, evidence of any recurrence
- 20 of the unlawful activity occurring between the date of the
- 21 citation which is the subject of the appeal and the date of the
- 22 hearing. If the reviewing authority is the board, no hearing
- 23 shall be held on the application for a supersedeas; however, a
- 24 decision shall be made based on the application, answer and
- 25 documentary evidence under this subsection. If the application
- 26 for a supersedeas is for a license that has been revoked under
- 27 section 481(c), the reviewing authority shall grant the
- 28 supersedeas only if it finds that the licensee will likely
- 29 prevail on the merits. No penalty provided by this section shall
- 30 be imposed for any violations provided for in this act unless

- 1 the bureau notifies the licensee of its nature within thirty
- 2 days of the completion of the investigation.
- 3 * * *
- 4 Section 7. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 5 Section 476. Licensees Engaged in or Allowing Other
- 6 <u>Businesses on Licensed Premises.--(a) Unless the board approves</u>
- 7 <u>a request submitted by a licensee to do so, a licensee is</u>
- 8 prohibited from conducting another business on its licensed
- 9 premises, or having an interior connection between its licensed
- 10 premises and another business operated by it or a third party.
- 11 (b) The board may approve a request for an interior
- 12 <u>connection to another business or the operation of another</u>
- 13 <u>business on licensed premises under subsection (a) in its</u>
- 14 <u>discretion</u>. In <u>determining whether to approve a request under</u>
- 15 subsection (a), the board shall consider all relevant evidence
- 16 consistent with the provisions of this act. The board shall deny
- 17 a request under subsection (a) if the operation of the other
- 18 business on the licensed premises would be prohibited by law or
- 19 if the proposed licensed premises does not meet all the
- 20 requirements of this act and the board's regulations, exclusive
- 21 of space devoted to the other business.
- 22 (c) All storage and sales of liquor and malt or brewed
- 23 <u>beverages shall occur on the licensed premises unless the</u>
- 24 licensee is authorized by another provision of this act to sell
- 25 <u>alcohol off the licensed premises.</u>
- 26 (d) The board may not approve an inside passage or
- 27 <u>communication to or with a residence other than a residence of a</u>
- 28 licensee, its corporate officers, shareholders or manager.
- 29 (e) If the board approves an interior connection between a
- 30 licensed business and another business, then apart from the

- 1 <u>interior connection itself, the businesses must be separated by</u>
- 2 <u>a permanent partition at least four feet in height. The</u>
- 3 partition may be a wall or any other structure, such as a
- 4 <u>railing or shelving</u>, which prevents patrons from traversing
- 5 between the businesses except through the approved interior
- 6 <u>connections</u>. Each approved interior connection may not be
- 7 greater than ten feet in width, absent another law that requires
- 8 <u>a greater width.</u>
- 9 <u>(f) Unless otherwise approved by the board, the licensed</u>
- 10 business and the other business shall have independent outside
- 11 access for the public or independent access to a common area,
- 12 such as an interior access in an enclosed mall.
- 13 (g) The board may only approve an interior connection under
- 14 subsection (a) to a business that sells liquid fuels, so long as
- 15 no liquid-fuels-related activity occurs on the licensed
- 16 premises.
- 17 (h) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a
- 18 licensee that wishes to become a lottery sales agent may do so
- 19 by simply notifying the board in writing of its designation. A
- 20 lottery sales agent may engage in any activity on its licensed
- 21 premises that is authorized by that designation.
- 22 (i) The board may approve an interior connection to another
- 23 <u>business regardless of the relative sizes of the licensed</u>
- 24 business and the other business.
- 25 (i) The board may not approve the operation of another
- 26 business by the licensee or a third party if doing so provides a
- 27 third party with a pecuniary interest in the licensed business
- 28 or if the other business generates more income than the licensed
- 29 business.
- 30 (k) The board may approve an interior connection to another

- 1 <u>business regardless of the relative sizes of the licensed</u>
- 2 business and the other business.
- 3 (1) For purposes of this section, "other business" or
- 4 <u>"another business" is defined as business activity which is not</u>
- 5 <u>directly related to the licensed business. The term includes the</u>
- 6 selling of foods in bulk for off-premises consumption, the
- 7 <u>selling of unprepared foods and the selling of nonfood items</u>
- 8 <u>such as sold by grocery stores, convenience stores, department</u>
- 9 stores and supermarkets. The term does not include businesses
- 10 and activity intrinsically related to the licensed business,
- 11 <u>such as the sale of prepared foods "to go," by a restaurant or</u>
- 12 <u>eating place license</u>, or the activities of a pro shop for a
- 13 licensed business located on a golf course. Activity that would
- 14 otherwise constitute "other business" or "another business" but
- 15 which generates less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in gross
- 16 income a year shall not require board approval.
- 17 Section 8. Nothing in this act shall be construed as
- 18 invalidating the license of an entity already licensed by the
- 19 Liquor Control Board and which already has received permission
- 20 to either conduct another business on the premises or have an
- 21 interior connection to another business, so long as the
- 22 arrangement is in conformity with the act.
- 23 Section 9. This act shall take effect in 60 days.