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SENATOR PIPPY, LAW AND JUSTICE, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 14, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Budget and Finance Committee to conduct an
2 economic impact study of the brewery industry in this
3 Commonwealth.

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Budget and Finance
5 Committee to conduct an economic impact study of the brewery
6 industry in this Commonwealth, which study shall:

7 (1) define and explain the act of April 12, 1951
8 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, and its
9 administration in layman's terms in order to assist those
10 outside of the brewery industry to understand the issues and
11 challenges faced by the brewery industry under the current
12 regulatory framework;

13 (2) detail the historical and current conditions of the
14 brewery industry over the last 15 years, including, but not
15 limited to: growth of PA breweries; the global, national and
16 local business climate of breweries; the business climate of
17 beer wholesalers and retailers; and the consideration of
18 breweries as manufacturers;

1 (3) focus on the ownership of the breweries, in terms of
2 their status as private, family owned or publicly held;

3 ~~(4) explore the economic effects of the brewery industry~~ ←
4 ~~and how the brewery industry generates wealth and~~
5 ~~productivity for individuals and other industries;~~

6 ~~(5)~~ (4) research brewery industry employment, payroll, ←
7 capital expenditures and investments that have been made by
8 the brewery industry into the economy of this Commonwealth;

9 ~~(6)~~ (5) identify the overall philanthropic contributions ←
10 made by the brewery industry to charitable and community-
11 based causes and the overall role that breweries in this
12 Commonwealth play in their communities in terms of generating
13 civic pride and economic development;

14 ~~(7)~~ (6) explain the three-tier system, requirements ←
15 regarding exclusive distribution agreements and the impact of
16 these factors on the brewery industry;

17 ~~(8) identify and detail the potential for the linkage of~~ ←
18 ~~breweries to the overall efforts to become a tourist-~~
19 ~~destination;~~

20 ~~(9) examine industry clusters in food and beverage and~~
21 ~~how the presence of these clusters has been positively~~
22 ~~exploited by other regions, including economic capitalization~~
23 ~~of clusters such as wine in the Napa Valley and the Bordeaux~~
24 ~~region of France, Germany/Bavaria and its linkage to malt~~
25 ~~beverages and Wisconsin and its linkage to cheese;~~

26 ~~(10) determine how the brewing industry in this~~
27 ~~Commonwealth can be used to promote value added economic~~
28 ~~development and jobs on a Statewide and regional level;~~

29 ~~(11) identify ways in which State governmental and~~
30 ~~community entities can assist breweries in this Commonwealth~~

1 ~~in maintaining a competitive advantage to ensure that~~
2 ~~economic growth will continue for the brewing industry and~~
3 ~~thus create growth for Pennsylvania economies overall;~~

4 (7) IDENTIFY AND DETAIL HOW BREWERIES IMPACT OTHER ←
5 PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRIES AND PENNSYLVANIA TOURISM.

6 ~~(12)~~ (8) identify legislative, administrative and ←
7 regulatory actions which will ensure the brewery industry's ←
8 INDUSTRY'S continued growth, thus creating family-sustaining ←
9 jobs and industry expansion in other sectors; ~~and~~ INCLUDING, ←
10 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHANGES TO THE LIQUOR CODE AND TAX CODE;

11 ~~(13) evaluate the enactment of a tax credit for capital~~ ←
12 ~~investments by breweries in this Commonwealth;~~

13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee submit its study to the Senate
15 not later than one year from adoption of this resolution.