

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE TO ←
5 CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY IN
6 THIS COMMONWEALTH.

7 ~~RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Budget and Finance~~
8 ~~Committee to conduct an economic impact study of the brewery~~
9 ~~industry in this Commonwealth, which study shall:~~

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

16 ~~(2) detail the historical and current conditions of the~~
17 ~~brewery industry over the last 15 years, including, but not~~
18 ~~limited to: growth of PA breweries; the global, national and~~
19 ~~local business climate of breweries; the business climate of~~

1 ~~beer wholesalers and retailers; and the consideration of~~
2 ~~breweries as manufacturers;~~

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

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

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

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

16 ~~(7) identify and detail how breweries impact other~~
17 ~~Pennsylvania industries and Pennsylvania tourism.~~

18 ~~(8) identify legislative, administrative and regulatory~~
19 ~~actions which will ensure the brewery industry's continued~~
20 ~~growth, thus creating family sustaining jobs and industry~~
21 ~~expansion in other sectors including, but not limited to,~~
22 ~~changes to the Liquor Code and Tax Code;~~

23 ~~and be it further~~

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

26 ~~WHEREAS, PENNSYLVANIA HAS NUMEROUS BREWERIES LOCATED IN THIS~~ ←
27 ~~COMMONWEALTH; AND~~

28 ~~WHEREAS, THE BREWERY INDUSTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA HAS CONTRIBUTED~~
29 ~~TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH; AND~~

30 ~~WHEREAS, THE BREWERY INDUSTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA CONTRIBUTES TO~~

1 PHILANTHROPIC AND CIVIC ENDEAVORS WITHIN COMMUNITIES OF THIS
2 COMMONWEALTH; AND

3 WHEREAS, THE ACT OF APRIL 12, 1951 (P.L.90, NO.21), KNOWN AS
4 THE LIQUOR CODE, PROVIDES THE STATUTORY FRAMEWORK FOR THE
5 CONDUCT OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY; AND

6 WHEREAS, THE BREWERY INDUSTRY IN PENNSYLVANIA, THE NATION AND
7 INTERNATIONALLY HAS CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE LAST 15 YEARS;
8 AND

9 WHEREAS, THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY
10 PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THIS
11 COMMONWEALTH; THEREFORE BE IT

12 RESOLVED, THAT THE SENATE DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND
13 FINANCE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF THE
14 BREWERY INDUSTRY; AND BE IT FURTHER

15 RESOLVED, THAT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY INCLUDE:

16 (1) AN EXPLANATION OF THE THREE-TIER MALT AND BREWED
17 BEVERAGE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED IN THE LIQUOR CODE.

18 (2) THE CURRENT ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY
19 IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

20 (3) THE IMPACT OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY ON PENNSYLVANIA
21 TOURISM.

22 (4) THE IMPACT OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY ON OTHER
23 INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

24 (5) THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY LEGISLATIVE CHANGES,
25 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CHANGES TO THE LIQUOR CODE AND
26 THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX
27 REFORM CODE OF 1971, THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH
28 OF THE BREWERY INDUSTRY IN THIS COMMONWEALTH;

29 AND BE IT FURTHER

30 RESOLVED, THAT THE COMMITTEE SUBMIT ITS STUDY TO THE SENATE

1 NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR FROM ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.