
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REGAN, TOPPER, PICKETT, HICKERNELL, MASSER,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, FEBRUARY 3, 2015

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," in
17 licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and
18 brewed beverages, further providing for responsible alcohol
19 management.

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

22 Section 1. Section 471.1 of the act of April 12, 1951
23 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended
24 June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14), is amended by adding subsections
25 to read:

26 Section 471.1. Responsible Alcohol Management.--* * *

1 (a.1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
2 board's Bureau of Alcohol Education expand training
3 opportunities for alcohol service personnel by certifying all
4 private third-party providers of alcohol education who, at a
5 minimum, teach the information contained in the Bureau of
6 Alcohol Education's standard curriculum. Private industry in
7 this Commonwealth engaged in the business of training alcohol
8 service personnel will become more competitive by creating the
9 opportunity for enhanced training beyond the scope of the Bureau
10 of Alcohol Education's standard curriculum while not
11 compromising the standards set forth by the board. It is further
12 the intent of the General Assembly that the board allow private
13 third-party providers of alcohol education flexibility in the
14 manner by which they present training materials to alcohol
15 service personnel. The private industry offers a variety of
16 successful training programs, and certifying these entities will
17 not diminish the training received, but will enhance it. It is
18 further the intent of the General Assembly to require the Bureau
19 of Alcohol Education to notify within thirty days those private
20 third-party providers of alcohol education whose curriculum is
21 deemed deficient and provide a written explanation detailing
22 what content is deemed to be deficient. By establishing a
23 certification process, private industry will have a more
24 predictable and transparent relationship with the board and a
25 better understanding of the Bureau of Alcohol Education's
26 certification process. Private third-party providers of training
27 to alcohol service personnel will be better able to:

28 (1) Provide the opportunity to more easily receive
29 additional industry-related certifications, making the service
30 personnel more marketable to employers and better trained in

1 their field.

2 (2) Operate more efficiently with the board.

3 (3) Increase the amount of trainers in this Commonwealth,
4 which will allow business to more easily expand.

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6 (h) The board shall certify private third-party providers of
7 training under subsection (b) that cover, at a minimum, the
8 content contained in the board's Bureau of Alcohol Education's
9 standard curriculum. The board shall not reject the curriculum
10 of a private third-party provider solely because the curriculum
11 teaches more than the Bureau of Alcohol Education's standard
12 curriculum. In the event that the third-party provider's
13 curriculum is not equivalent to the standard curriculum, the
14 provider shall be advised in writing by the board as to where
15 the curriculum is deficient. The board shall complete its review
16 of the curriculum within thirty days of its submission. The
17 board shall permit private third-party providers of alcohol
18 training to modify the order in which the content of the Bureau
19 of Alcohol Education's standard curriculum is presented so long
20 as the material is taught.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.