

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 325 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY DEASY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An  
 2 act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and  
 3 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and  
 4 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 distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire  
 18 and transporters for hire, establishing the Pennsylvania  
 19 Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

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

22 Section 1. The act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known  
 23 as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding a section to read:

24 Section 505.5. Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry  
 25 Promotion Board.--(a) There is established the Pennsylvania  
 26 Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

27 (b) The Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion

1 Board shall be composed of the following members:

2 (1) One member appointed by the Governor.

3 (2) Four members appointed by the General Assembly as  
4 follows:

5 (i) One individual appointed by the President pro tempore of  
6 the Senate.

7 (ii) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
8 Senate.

9 (iii) One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House  
10 of Representatives.

11 (iv) One individual appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
12 House of Representatives.

13 (c) Each member must be a resident of this Commonwealth and  
14 have substantial experience or expertise in the Pennsylvania  
15 distilleries industry.

16 (d) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the  
17 appointing authority.

18 (e) The Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion  
19 Board has the following powers and duties:

20 (1) Make recommendations to the board to award grants to  
21 entities for the purpose of increasing the production of  
22 Pennsylvania-made spirits and enhancing the Pennsylvania  
23 distilled spirits industry through promotion, marketing and  
24 research-based programs and projects. Grants shall be awarded  
25 through a competitive grant review process. The application for  
26 a grant shall include the following information:

27 (i) Purpose for which the grant will be utilized.

28 (ii) Need for the grant.

29 (iii) Estimated budget.

30 (iv) Method for measuring outcome.

1 (v) Other criteria required by the Pennsylvania Distilled  
2 Spirits Industry Promotion Board.

3 (2) Require each grant recipient to provide full and  
4 complete access to all records relating to the performance of  
5 the grant and to submit accurate information.

6 (3) Conduct a thorough annual evaluation of each program for  
7 which a grant under this section is made.

8 (4) Seek repayment of money upon a determination that the  
9 money was not utilized for the original stated purpose.

10 (5) Submit an annual report to the General Assembly  
11 detailing all grants and other actions.

12 (f) The Department of Agriculture shall assist the  
13 Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board in  
14 carrying out its powers and duties.

15 (g) Annually, the board shall allocate the amount of one  
16 million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of awarding grants  
17 under subsection (e) (1).

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