
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1544 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY BURNS, HILL-EVANS, YOUNGBLOOD, GALLOWAY AND KORTZ,
JUNE 3, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, JUNE 3, 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 licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed
18 beverages, further providing for license auction.

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

21 Section 1. Section 470.3(a.1) of the act of April 12, 1951
22 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is amended and the
23 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

24 Section 470.3. License Auction.--* * *

25 (a.1) (1) Subsection (a) shall apply to all restaurant
26 liquor licenses that became available after December 31, 1999,

1 and before January 1, 2019.

2 (2) Any licenses not sold shall be available for sale at
3 future auctions, provided, however, that no more than fifty
4 licenses shall be auctioned in any county per year.

5 (a.2) (1) License auctions authorized under subsection (a)
6 shall be suspended until the establishment of the Wine and
7 Spirits Wholesale and Retail Privatization Commission as
8 required under section 28 of the act of June 8, 2016 (P.L.273,
9 No.39) and the completion and release of the commission's
10 report.

11 (2) Upon issuance of the report required under section
12 28(11)(iv) of the act of June 8, 2016 (P.L.273, No.39), the
13 Wine and Spirits Wholesale and Retail Privatization Commission
14 shall transmit notice of the report's issuance to the
15 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
16 Bulletin. The authority of the board to conduct license auctions
17 under subsection (a) shall be reinstated as of the date of
18 publication.

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20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.