

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2765 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY KULIK, ISAACSON, SCHWEYER, HILL-EVANS, DELLOSO, McNEILL, READSHAW, YOUNGBLOOD, GALLOWAY, ROZZI, DEASY, FRANKEL, KOSIEROWSKI, WEBSTER, KIM, PASHINSKI, BRIGGS, SNYDER, DERMODY, KRUEGER, DONATUCCI, OTTEN, HOHENSTEIN, GOODMAN, SANCHEZ, SAINATO, MULLINS, COMITTA, SAPPEY, WILLIAMS, FITZGERALD, HOWARD AND T. DAVIS, AUGUST 7, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, AUGUST 7, 2020

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, providing for safekeeping during 2020 disaster
 19 emergency.

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 462.1. Safekeeping During 2020 Disaster Emergency.--

1 In addition to the authority provided by section 462 and
2 notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary,
3 the board shall be authorized to engage in the following during
4 the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the Governor on
5 March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and
6 any renewal of the state of disaster emergency:

7 (1) The board shall provide any club or catering club
8 license that was in safekeeping at any time during the disaster
9 emergency, an additional year of safekeeping. The license shall
10 not be subject to any renewal, validation or late fees that
11 would otherwise be due during this additional year, but the
12 licensee shall otherwise file any renewal or validation that
13 becomes due. The additional year of safekeeping shall be
14 construed to have started on the effective date of this section.
15 The additional year of safekeeping is in addition to the two
16 years authorized under section 474.

17 (2) The board shall provide any restaurant, eating place
18 retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor
19 license that was in safekeeping at any time during the disaster
20 emergency declaration, an additional year of safekeeping. The
21 license shall not be subject to any renewal, validation, late or
22 safekeeping fees that would otherwise be due during this
23 additional year, but the licensee shall otherwise file any
24 renewal or validation that becomes due. The additional year of
25 safekeeping shall be construed to have started on the effective
26 date of this section.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.