

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2783 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, MADDEN, YOUNGBLOOD, DELLOSO, HANBIDGE, MERSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, MALAGARI, KINSEY, FREEMAN, CALTAGIRONE, SNYDER, WARREN, JONES, READSHAW, McNEILL, DEASY, MURT, McCARTER, KOSIEROWSKI, WEBSTER, KIM, PASHINSKI, BRIGGS, DRISCOLL, LONGIETTI, DONATUCCI, DERMODY, FRANKEL, HARKINS, KRUEGER, HOHENSTEIN, ISAACSON, GOODMAN, DeLUCA, SANCHEZ, DAVIDSON, SAINATO, COMMITTA, MULLINS, SAPPEY, WILLIAMS, FITZGERALD, HOWARD, SCHMITT, ROZZI, INNAMORATO, HILL-EVANS, T. DAVIS, MENTZER AND CIRESI, AUGUST 13, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, AUGUST 13, 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 and liquor, alcohol and malt and  
 18 brewed beverages, providing for renewal fee relief for 2021  
 19 renewal period.

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:

1 Section 462.1. Renewal Fee Relief for 2021 Renewal Period.--

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

8 (1) The relief of renewal and permit fees for the 2021  
9 renewal period for a person holding and possessing a valid club,  
10 eatery, hotel or restaurant liquor license that lost more than  
11 twenty-five per centum (25%) of the person's average monthly  
12 total sales, including alcohol sales, as a result of  
13 restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. The  
14 following shall apply:

15 (i) If the licensee holder has paid the renewal and permit  
16 fee for 2021, those fees shall be applied for the next renewal  
17 period.

18 (ii) If the licensee has not yet paid the renewal and permit  
19 fees for renewal year 2021, the licensee will not have to pay  
20 for that year.

21 (2) (Reserved).

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