

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1252 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY QUINN, ROTHMAN, SCHLEGEL CULVER, McNEILL, DELLOSO, KEEFER, CIRESI, SIMS, ROZZI, ROWE, CONKLIN, MOUL, WHEELAND, MENTZER, MASSER AND SAINATO, APRIL 20, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, APRIL 20, 2021

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.

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

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

23 Section 462.1. Renewal Fee Relief.--In addition to the
 24 authority provided in section 462 and notwithstanding any
 25 provision of this act to the contrary, the board shall be

1 authorized to permit the following during the proclamation of
2 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020,
3 published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020), and any renewal of
4 the state of disaster emergency:

5 (1) The relief of renewal and permit fees for the 2022 and
6 2023 renewal periods for a person holding and possessing a valid
7 club, eatery, hotel or restaurant liquor license that lost more
8 than twenty per centum (20%) of the person's average monthly
9 total sales, including alcohol sales, as a result of
10 restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. If
11 a license holder has paid the renewal and permit fees for 2022,
12 the fees shall be applied for the next renewal period in which
13 the fees are due.

14 (2) (Reserved).

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