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# **The Bulletin**

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Brooks' Legislation to Extend Act 118 Signed by Gov. Wolf

Senator Michele Brooks (R-Mercer)'s legislation to continue supporting local veterans' organizations, fire departments and other service clubs passed the General Assembly four weeks after the law expired. Senate Bill 1159 extends Act 118 of 2020, which permitted service organizations to use 100% of their Small Games of Chance money to cover their general operating expenses, including rent, payroll and utilities. This extension in Act 118 expired on June 10, 2022, but Senator Brooks' legislation will extend this allowance until December 31, 2022, in order to give these service organizations additional time to recover from the pandemic and remain a vital part of our communities.

"Many American Legions, VFWs, fire departments, Moose Lodges, and other service organizations are still struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic," Brooks said. "Most were forced to close their venues for more than a year, cancel their traditional patriotic ceremonies, and refrain from the fundraisers they traditionally offered, which helped to sustain their operations. The dedicated volunteers and staff who operate these clubs contribute to so many worthwhile charities in our communities, and they need and deserve our help now."

The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on June 30, and was signed into law on July 7. It is now Act 49 of 2022. Senate Bill 1159 builds on Brooks' past success when she served in the House of Representatives in legalizing 50/50s, Chinese auctions (basket raffles), and other fundraising efforts under the Small Games of Chance law, at a time when the state had deemed them illegal. The legalization of these fundraising tools has helped countless local nonprofit organizations, fire departments. sports teams, school booster clubs, and families in need.

Bill to Allow Liquor License Holders to Have Outdoor Amplified Sound Becomes Law

A measure championed by **Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-York)** that was signed into law this week gives restaurants, bars, breweries, hotels and clubs more outdoor options for guests. The new law extends a provision of the state's liquor laws that only allowed for limited wineries to have outdoor amplified sound. Provisions resembling Sen. Phillips-Hill's SB 1212 were amended and inserted into HB 1615, sponsored by Rep. Jesse **Topper (R-Bedford)**. Act 67 of 2022 gives the option to all liquor license holders, including club licensees, to offer amplified sound, up to 75 decibels, on Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12 a.m.

"Our hospitality industry was hit exceptionally hard during the pandemic and this new law allows our local establishments to have greater flexibility and provide new guest experiences throughout the summer months," Phillips-Hill said. The new law also allows malt or brewed beverages produced by a brewery to be sold to non-licensees and to licensees that sell malt or brewed beverages. The bill as amended was supported by the Federation.

The law takes effect immediately.

## Tipped Worker Rules Take Effect August 5, 2022

On August 5, 2022 updated rules affecting tipped workers and salaried workers who work a fluctuating work week schedule will go into effect. A summary of these regulations can be found below or by accessing the Department of Labor and Industry's <u>Updated Regulations Presentation</u>. The Minimum Wage Act Regulations can be found on the Pennsylvania Bulletin website at <u>34 Pa. Code Chapter</u> <u>231. Minimum Wage</u>

## 2022 Convention: Erie Welcomes Back Members in Person; New By-Laws Changes to Help Expand Role of Direct Members

A relatively small, but mighty group of clubpersons descended on Erie, PA the first weekend in June, to hold the first in-person convention of the PFFSO in three years. The Erie County Unit pulled out all the stops, returning many of the traditional favorite events to the agenda, such as the always popular hospitality suite, guest tours, club crawl, and a wonderful banquet, held at the St. Francis Ushers Club in McKean, including numerous donated door prizes, and guest speaker **Rep. Pat Harkins (D-Erie). Clubperson of the Year awards** were also announced, as well as the presentations of **Past President rings to Shirley Loy (Berks), Will Guitteau** (**Butler), and outgoing president Bob Brzezicki (Erie). State Solicitor Jim Snell swore in the newly elected PFFSO officers: Mike Snyder (Blair) – President; Rick Olvitt (York) – 1st Vice President; and Patti Shafer, Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations and good luck to all the new officers!** 

On Friday evening, the various committees of PFFSO met to discuss the important work of the Federation, which they then reported to the full membership on Saturday morning, at the convention business meeting, hosted by the **Knight of St. John, Erie**. Reports were received from the following committees: Rules; Registration; Audit/Finance; By-Laws; Grievance (there were none!); Expansion/ Public Relations; and Nominating. The latter committee's recommendations for officers were accepted unanimously. Changes to the By-Laws of the Federation were also adopted, updating and clarifying various functions and duties of the Board members and staff, and **adding a provision to allow up to three Direct members** (those clubs not members of a county unit) to hold Board seats. The new changes also allow for multiple connected counties to form a unit, and for clubs to join a unit outside their county.

The site for the 2023 convention is still under consideration but it likely will be held in the Harrisburg/Southcentral PA region. Look for more information soon, and the PFFSO website, and in future email blasts from the state office. If you have not yet signed up for email correspondence, you can do so through the website, at <u>https://www.pffso.org/contact-us.</u>

## **PFFSO Board of Directors June 3 Meeting Highlights**

The PFFSO Board met on June 3, prior to the 2022 PFFSO Convention, in Erie, PA, with President Bob Brzezicki presiding. The Board discussed various matters, including an update on the financials, the pending By-Laws amendments to be voted on at the convention, and the election of officers. After the conclusion of the convention business meeting, the board briefly reconvened, and reappointed **Ted Mowatt, CAE to be Executive Director, and Jim Snell, Esq.**, to be state Solicitor. The staff also suggested that going forward dues billing will be handled directly from the state office, rather than through the units. This process will be worked on and discussed again at the fall meeting. It is the goal of this change to relieve the burden from unit officers to chase down clubs, and to facilitate collection of the state portion of unit dues.

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## L&I: RULEMAKING; MINIMUM WAGE

The Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) amended Pennsylvania code to raise the salary threshold for tipped employees and adopt other rules regarding tip pools, deductions from tips and notifications to customers, effective in 90 days. Employers who take the tip credit and opt to pay the state minimum wage or are required to do so under the increased tip threshold will incur an added cost of labor. Interested persons who require further information about this final-form rulemaking may submit inquiries to Bryan M. Smolock, director, L&I, Bureau of Labor Law Compliance, 651 Boas Street, Harrisburg, PA 17121 or bsmolock@pa.gov. Additional information is available on the Pennsylvania Bulletin: <u>http://</u> www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pabull?file=/secure/ pabulletin/data/vol52/52-19/661.html

## Legislative Activity

The following bills of interest were introduced and acted upon in the General Assembly since the last Bulletin.

## <u>HB 1615</u> RE: Noise Violations/Beer Delivery (by Rep. Jesse Topper, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt, and brewed beverages, allowing the sale of malt or brewed beverages produced at its location for consumption on the licensed premises in any container or package in any volume to deliver to other liquor licensees, as well as allowing breweries with contract brewing agreements for an out-of-state manufacturer prior to the effective date to sell malt or brewed beverages to nonlicensees for on-premises and off-premises consumption; and further allowing breweries in the commonwealth to engage in contract brewing sales agreements or alternating proprietorship with out-ofstate manufactures according to geographic sales stipulations. Provides that the holder of a liquor license located in a Class 2A through 8 counties may use or permit inside or outside use of loudspeaker or similar device where the volume does not exceed 75 decibels beyond the licensee's property line from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays or Saturdays as enforced by the Bureau of Liquor Control. Effective immediately.

## **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT in final version**

Reported as amended from Senate Law and Justice Committee, read first time, 4/13/2022

Read second time, and Rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 5/24/2022

Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/29/2022

Amended on Senate floor, read third time, and passed Senate, 7/7/2022 (50-0)

Received as amended in House and rereferred to House Rules Committee, re-reported on concurrence as committed from House Rules, and House concurred in Senate amendments, 7/7/2022 (186-14)

Signed in the House and in the Senate, 7/7/2022

Approved by the Governor, 7/11/2022 (Act No. 67)

<u>HB 2049</u> RE: Public Venue Licenses (by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for public venue license. Adds language in the definition of "public venue" providing amusement park as defined in the Amusement Ride Inspection Act, situated on at least 40 acres of land regardless of seating capacity or similar structure. Provides that facilities that had been licensed under former sections may sell liquor or malt or brewed beverages except between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. and amusement parks may sell liquor or malt or brewed beverages from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Provides further guidance for amusement parks that hold a public venue license. Effective in 60 days.

## **PFFSO Position: Neutral**

## Removed from the table, 6/14/2022

Amended on House floor, read second time, and Rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/20/2022 Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 6/21/2022 (199-1)

Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 6/22/2022

## <u>HB 2059</u> RE: <u>Eliminating Separate Checkout for Beer and Wine</u> (by Rep. Jason Ortitay, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, eliminating square footage requirements for off-premises consumption. Provides for sales clerks under 18 years of age to perform a sale if assisted by an employee over 18 years of age. Provides a wine expanded permit holder may use a register that is not located on the licensed portion of the premises but is located within the same building as the licensed premises.

## **PFFSO Position: Neutral**

Removed from the table, laid on the table, 4/12/2022

HB 2219 RE: COVID-19 Regulatory Flexibility (by Rep. David Rowe, et al)

Amends The Administrative Code adding language providing that not later than March 2, 2022, requiring each authority which initially authorized a suspension that was extended under section 2102-F (a) and (a.1) relating to COVID-19 regulatory flexibility authority to issue an updated report, which shall be published on the authority's publicly accessible Internet website. Provides the report shall include: whether the authority recommends that the suspension be extended beyond March 31, 2022; and whether the authority recommends that the suspension be enacted permanently into statute or regulation. **Provides NO relief for clubs** 

#### PFFSO Position: Clubs need COVID relief, too!

Reported as amended from Senate State Government Committee, and read first time, 6/28/2022 Read second time, and re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/29/2022

<u>HB 2268</u> RE: Minors Serving in Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations (by Rep. Torren Ecker, et al)

Amends the Child Labor Act, further providing for minors serving in volunteer emergency service organizations, provides a minor may not engage in training for an interior firefighting module unless the minor is 17 years of age or older, has permission to engage in training from a fire chief and a parent or guardian, and is under the supervision of a credentialed PA State Fire Academy instructor.

## **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Reported as amended from House Labor and Industry Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 5/23/202222 Removed from the table, 6/13/2022 Read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/14/2022 Reported as committed from House Appropriations, read third time, and passed House, 6/15/2022 (200-0) Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 6/15/2022

<u>HB 2272</u> RE: Abolishing State Stores (by Rep. Natalie Mihalek, et al)

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution that prohibits the commonwealth from manufacturing or selling liquor. A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

## **PFFSO Position: OPPOSED**

Reported as committed from House Liquor Control Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/8/2022 Reported as committed from House Rules Committee, 6/13/2022

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HB 2466 RE: Clean Indoor Air Act (by Rep. Dan Frankel, et al) Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act amending title of act to specify multiple repeals are made. Amends definitions to insert definitions for adult-day care, child-care services, cigar lounge, electronic smoking device, and hookah bar. Removes and replaces definitions for cigar bar and smoking, removes definitions for drinking establishment, full-service truck stop, gaming floor, licensed facility, night club, and private club, and amends the definitions for public place. Amends prohibition to provide cigar bars and lounges are exceptions to prohibitions. In administration, amends language to specify the department shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of the act. Replaces preemption of local ordinances with effect on local rules and ordinances. Amends repeal to repeals and adding more acts to be repealed for the effectuation of the act.

## **PFFSO Position: Opposed, as long as other exemptions remain.**

Introduced and referred to House Health Committee, 3/31/2022

## <u>HB 2467</u> RE: <u>Allow For Beer Sales In Convenience Stores That</u> <u>Also Sell Motor Fuels</u> (by Rep. Tim O'Neal, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, amending definitions to insert a definition for convenience store; and, in the sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensee and malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses to add language relating to convenience store liquor licenses and sales of alcohol by convenience stores. Amending applications for hotel, restaurant, and club liquor licenses to include convenience stores. Amending issuance, transfer, or extension of hotel, restaurant, and club liquor licenses to include convenience stores. Amending license fees to provide license fees for a convenience store liquor license shall be graduated according to municipal population based on the United States Census and every applicant for a convenience store liquor license shall pay a one-time fee of \$2,500 and an annual renewal fee of \$750.

## **PFFSO Position: Neutral**

Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 3/31/2022

## <u>HB 2490</u> RE: <u>Clarifying Previously Licensed Locations in the</u> <u>Liquor Code</u> (by Rep. Mary Isaacson, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code providing for license districts, license period, and hearings, for issuance, transfer, or extension of hotel, restaurant, and club liquor licenses, and for malt and brewed beverages retail licenses. Changes languages from "new" to "previously unlicensed." Defines "previously unlicensed location" as a location that has never held a retail liquor license, importing distributor license, or distributor license; or previously held a retail liquor license, importing distributor license, or distributor license which was not used for a subsequent non-license-related purpose for at least three years.

### **PFFSO Position: Neutral**

Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 4/6/2022

## <u>HB 2514</u> RE: WC for COVID-19 for First Responders (by Rep. Martina White, et al)

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, providing COVID-19 is under the definition of occupational disease for professional and volunteer firefighters, volunteer ambulance corps personnel, volunteer rescue and lifesaving squad personnel, emergency medical services personnel and paramedics, Pennsylvania State Police officers, police officers requiring state certification, parole agents employed by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, county probation officers, deputy sheriffs and deputy coroners, commonwealth and county correctional employees and forensic security employees of the Department of Human Services having duties, including care, custody and control of inmates involving exposure to this disease. Provides a positive test shall establish a presumption that this is an occupational disease within the meaning of the act, however this presumption may not be conclusive and may be rebutted **DEESCO Bosizional SUPPORT**.

## **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Introduced and referred to House Labor and Industry Committee, 4/13/2022

<u>HB 2571</u> RE: Licensing Quotas (by Rep. Steve Malagari, et al) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol, and malt and brewed beverages, providing for limiting number of retail licenses issued in each county. Requires that hotel licenses be converted to restaurant licenses under clauses (8) and (8.1) two years after the effective date.

## PFFSO Position: Neutral

Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/3/2022

<u>HB 2682</u> RE: Veteran-Owned Businesses (By Rep. Brad Roae, et al)

Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), in veteran-owned small businesses, adding a section on small diverse businesses, which would include veteran-owned businesses. Provides that a veteran-owned business would not be required to seek separate small diverse business verification in order to be considered a small diverse business.

## **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Introduced and referred to House Commerce Committee, 6/16/2022

## <u>HB 2684</u> RE: <u>Allowing Liquor Licensees to Pick-Up Beer and</u> <u>Malt Beverages</u> (by Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, providing that any retail dispenser who, for sale at retail and not for transfer to any other location of the retail dispenser, as part of a preexisting written agreement with a distributor which specifies the retail dispenser's licensed premises as the receiving location and within the same franchise territory, has purposed not more than 21 cases or three kegs of malt and brewed beverages in packages of original containers for any 48 hour period, may use the retail dispenser's own vehicle for transport while returning the product directly to its place of business. Effective in 60 days.

### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 6/16/2022

## <u>HB 2725</u> RE: First Responder Loan Forgiveness Program (by Rep. Chris Sainato, et al)

Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in incentives for municipal volunteers of fire companies and nonprofit emergency medical services agencies, establishing the First Responder Loan Forgiveness Program. Provides the program will cumulatively forgive up to \$16,000, not to exceed \$135 per earned credit hour, of a federally insured student loan in successive years where firstyear and second-year responders receive up to \$4,000, but not exceeding 25 percent of the original qualifying loans, and thirdyear responders receive up to \$8,000, but not exceeding 50 percent of the original qualifying loans. Provides for applicants to be Pennsylvania residents, active first responders for at least one year, enrolled in approved programs of education in a postsecondary degree or certification program with a sworn or official statement from an executive officer in attestation of the applicants' good standing. Provides for funding appropriated by the General Assembly. Establishing a point system for annual certification based on the number of emergency calls to which the individual responded, the individual's training and participation in formal training or drills, time spent on administration and support activities, and involvement in fundraising and other projects. Provides for an executive officer to certify applications and forward them to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Effective on July 1, 2022, or immediately, whichever is later.

PFFSO Position: SUPPORT

Introduced and referred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 7/6//2022

<u>HB 2743</u> RE: Truck Stop Video Gaming (by Rep. Seth Grove, et al)

Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in general provisions relating to video gaming, changing the definition of truck stop establishment to remove provisions the premises must have sold an average of 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel per month for the previous 12 months or is projected to sell that amount for the next 12 months. Effective in 60 days.

#### **PFFSO Position: Neutral as introduced**

Introduced and referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 7/13/2022

## HB 2757 RE: Breweries/Distilleries (by Rep. Jonathan Fritz, et al)

Amends Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for a single entity to hold and operate a brewery license and a limited distillery license at the same location within each license's hours of operation and for any citation issued to apply to one or both licenses; and, in limited distilleries, and providing distilleries provides for a single entity to hold and operate a brewery license and a limited distillery license at the same location within each license' hours of operation, provides for any citation issued to apply to one or both licenses.

Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 8/2/2022

## <u>SB 302</u> RE: Firefighting Foam Management Act (by Sen. Gene Yaw, et al)

Establishes that no person or firefighting entity and neither the commonwealth nor a municipality may discharge or otherwise use a class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical for testing or training beginning July 1, 2021. A person or fire department who administers a training program in violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first offense, and for subsequent offenses not to exceed \$10,000. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency shall enforce the provisions of this act. Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict the manufacture, sale or distribution of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical; or the discharge or other use of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical purchased prior to July 1, 2021, in emergency firefighting or fire prevention operations.

### **PFFSO Position: NO POSITION**

Reported as amended from House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 6/15/2022

<u>SB 643</u> RE: SGOC Proceeds (by Sen. Dan Laughlin, et al) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in club licensees, further providing that 50 percent of the proceeds shall be paid for public interest purposes and 50 percent may be retained by a club licensee.

### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Reported as committed from Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, and read first time, 5/25/2022

Read second time, and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/6/2022

## <u>SB 1019</u> RE: Temporary Regulatory Flexibility Authority (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al)

Amends the Administrative Code, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, providing by no later than May 31, 2022, each agency shall issue a permanent suspension report identifying any regulatory statute, rule or regulation that was temporarily suspended pursuant to the declaration that the authority believes should be considered for a permanent suspension.

## **PFFSO Position: Clubs Need this relief as well Approved by the Governor, 3/30/2020** (Act No. 14)

## <u>SB 1083</u> RE: <u>Follow the Active Duty Spouse Act</u> (by Sen. Lisa Baker, et al)

Amends the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation; and in shared-work program, further providing for shared-work plan requirements, for effective period of shared-work plan and for participating employer responsibilities. Establishes that a claimant

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shall not be disqualified for voluntarily leaving work if the claimant left such work to accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the United States Armed Forces and is required to relocate due to permanent change of station orders, activation orders or unit deployment orders and such relocation would make it impractical or unreasonably difficult, as determined by the department, for the claimant to continue employment with the claimant's employer. Removes language in shared-work plan requirements and provides that the effective period of an approved shared-work plan begins with the first calendar week following the date on which the employer submits the plan to the department or on the first calendar week following the date the employer-provided in the plan, whichever is later. Removes the language providing for participating employer responsibilities.

## **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Reported as amended from Senate Labor and Industry Committee, and read first time, 4/5/2022 |

Read second time, and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 5/24/2022

Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/14/2022

Read third time, and passed Senate, 6/21/2022 (50-0) Received in the House and referred to House Labor and Industry Committee, 6/22/2022

**SB 1138** RE: Cocktails-to-Go (by Sen. Dan Laughlin, et al) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations for sales by liquor licenses, restrictions, and repealing provisions relating to the extension of the licensed service area and issuance of off-premises catering permits. A person holding and possessing a valid restaurant or hotel liquor license may sell prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premises consumption. *Does not include clubs.* 

### **PFFSO Position: OPPOSE**

Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 3/11/2022

SB 1153 RE: Allowing Debit Cards as an Option for Small Games

of Chance Payment (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing a licensed eligible organization must accept cash and may accept debit cards as methods of payment and licensed eligible organization may establish its own policies concerning the acceptance of checks, money orders, and debit cards and shall not be required to accept a check, money order, or debit card. Abrogates 61 Pa. Code 901.506 due to its inconsistency with the act.

### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

## Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 3/17/2022

<u>SB 1157</u> RE: Dry Municipalities (by Sen. Joe Pittman, et al) Amending Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing for ballot questions in townships of the second class within counties of the sixth class to grant liquor licenses for the sale of liquor. Does not preclude those townships from voting on a ballot question regarding the granting of liquor licenses for the entire township rather than a particular ward within the township.

### **PFFSO Position: Neutral**

Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 3/29/2022

<u>SB 1159</u> RE: Extending the 100% (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act providing a club licensee may utilize proceeds for operating expenses beginning with the 2020 calendar year until December 31, 2022.

## PFFSO Position: SUPPORT

Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 3/22/2022

Reported as committed from Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, read first time, 5/25/2022

Read second time, and rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/6/2022

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Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/13/2022

Read third time, and passed Senate, 6/14/2022 (49-0) Received in the House and referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 6/15/2022

Reported as committed from House Gaming Oversight Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 6/21/2022 Removed from the table, 6/22/2022

Read second time, and Rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/27/2022

Reported as committed from House Appropriations, 6/28/2022 Read third time, and passed House, 6/30/2022 (200-0) Signed in the Senate, 6/30/2022 Signed in the House, 7/1/2022

Approved by the Governor, 7/7/2022 (Act No. 49)

## <u>SB 1190</u> RE: Increasing Charitable Giving through Sports Raffle Charities Act Improvements (by Sen. John Kane, et al)

Amends the Sports Raffle Charities Act providing for internetbased athletic event drawing and for compulsive and problem gambling information. Authorizes an affiliated non-profit organization to accept credit cards, debit cards or digital payment to conduct the athletic event drawing. The organization may accept an entry from a participant regardless of whether or not the participant is physically located within the arena, stadium, grandstand, or bleachers where the home game, team event, or car race is being conducted. The organization may not reveal the winner, winning number, or winning ticket with the aid of a slot machine, video game terminal, or simulated gambling program. The organization shall employ geolocation technology to detect the physical location of a participant as well as a mechanism requiring a participant to verify their age is 18 years or older and blocking an individual who is younger than 18. An affiliated non-profit organization must have a statement similar to the following: If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available. Call (toll-free telephone number maintained by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs) or text (toll-free telephone number maintained by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs).

### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 4/8/2022

<u>SB 1212</u> RE: Noise Violations (by Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulation and liquor, alcohol, and malt and brewed beverages, providing for the renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service and for rights of municipalities preserved. Provides that noise violations shall not be the sole basis for objection by the Liquor Control Board to the renewal of a license unless the licensee has received three prior noise citations within 24 months. Allows loudspeakers or similar devices to be used for the sound of music and other entertainment from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day except for Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 12 a.m. on

Fridays and Saturdays. *Does not include clubs* **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT, if clubs are included Reported as amended from Senate Law and Justice Committee, and read first time, 5/24/2022** 

Read second time, 6/6/2022 Read third time, and passe Senate, 6/7/2022 (50-0) Received in the House and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 6/8/2022

Reported as amended from House Liquor Control Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 6/30/2022 Removed from the table, 7/1/2022

Upcoming meetings of Interest Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <u>http://www.pahousegop.com/</u> Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <u>http://www.pasenategop.com/</u>

## WEDNESDAY - 8/24/22

House Gaming Oversight
1:00 p.m., Room 60, East Wing
To Discuss: <u>HB 2743</u> (Grove) - Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in general provisions relating to video gaming, further providing for definitions

Remaining HOUSE SESSION DAYS \*\*Subject to Change\*\* September: 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 October: 24, 25, 26 November: 14, 15, 16

Remaining Senate Session Days \*\*Subject to Change\*\* September 19, 20, 21 October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 November 15

Session ends officially on November 30, at midnight

**Public Meetings of the Liquor Control Board** 

Public meetings commence at 11:00 AM in **Room 117 of PLCB** Headquarters in the Northwest Office Building in Harrisburg, PA. Meetings are open for in person attendance by members of the public and are also conducted telephonically. The telephone conference call can be accessed by dialing 1-234-720-6995, then entering access code 3906561# to listen to these meetings.

Remaining 2022 Meeting dates:, August 11, August 31, September 21, October 5, October 26, November 10, November 30, December 14

Note: Thank you for paying your 2022 membership dues. Dues Bills for clubs and units for 2022 will behave been mailed. **Direct member dues are \$75 annually**, Unit Dues are up to the County Unit. If you know a club that should be a direct or Unit member, please have them contact the PFFSO office, or direct them to the PFFSO website: www.pffso.org. All PA clubs have been mailed a solicitation to join the federation. Your help in bringing them in the fold is appreciated!

Thank you all for your continued support of the Federation. We still have a lot of work to do, and we do it better together!

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