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## 2023 State Convention Held in Harrisburg

The 2023 PFFSO convention, hosted by the State Federation for the first time in decades, with help from all of the local Units, took place at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg, June 1-3.

On Friday afternoon, the Board of Directors met, prior to the convention business meeting. In addition to its regular business, the Board heard a presentation from **Lynn Benka-Davies**, Executive Director of the House Liquor Control Committee. **She discussed several bills making their way through the General Assembly, including Rep. Napoleon Nelson's bill increasing the number of catering permits allowed; a Rep. Dan Deasy bill to extend safekeeping of licenses, Six packs for clubs legislation, RTDs, and a bill to allow for the delivery of beer and wine. She noted that it is very important for clubs to be in constant contact with their state legislators, and let them know their positions, and what they need to survive. President Snyder and the rest of the board thanked her for her presentation, and for all the work she is doing.**

Once again, Ted Mowatt and Jim Snell were retained as Executive Director and Solicitor, respectively for 2023-24.

Later on Friday, the Committees convened at the hotel to conduct their business, then repaired to the hospitality suite for food and entertainment provided by the Erie County Unit.

On Saturday morning, the Federation held its annual business meeting. 19 voting delegates and 7 guests were recorded. Secretary/Treasurer Patti Shafer noted that the Federation is still in "recovery mode", and still building back the membership.

Members heard presentations from Jason Bidish, of Barr's insurance company, updated them on the various insurance offerings. Bidish expressed his gratitude for the great business relationship his company has enjoyed with PFFSO since 2016. He noted that premiums for liquor coverage is skyrocketing, but he has been able to find affordable rates. He also discussed cyber liability, employment practices policies, and reminded the attendees that VFWs and Legion posts do NOT have to purchase their insurance through the national, though Elks do. Jason also highlighted the firm's bonding offerings. Clubs are encouraged to contact Jason at Barr's: <https://www.barrsinsurance.com/> to discuss their insurance needs. Many of the products offered through Barr's will have discounts for PFFSO members, and some will benefit the Federation directly.

Next, the delegates received a welcoming speech from State Rep. Tom Mehaffie (R-Dauphin), who represents the area. Mehaffie gave an overview of the political and legislative climate in Harrisburg, and talked about how big money groups have largely taken over the arena, but back home the clubs are still extremely important and appreciated for what they do in the community. He touched on a variety of issues of interest to clubs, including the ongoing minimum wage debate, updates to the Local Option Small Games of Chance law, and prospects for passage of a Skill games law. His remarks, and his answers to various questions from the delegates, were well received by those in attendance.

**President Mike Snyder** gave a brief rundown of the prior afternoon's board meeting, apologizing for his lack of voice due to recent surgery, then turned to Committee reports.

The Rules Committee did not recommend any changes in the Rules Governing the convention, but chairman Larry Sheetz suggested some time saving policies for debate, and also that the proceedings of the business meeting be reported to the membership at large. Laren Larch gave the report of the Legislative/Legal Committee, with their positions on a host of bills before the General Assembly. Those positions were ratified by the delegates, and will be conveyed to the Legislature by ED Mowatt.

The Audit and Finance Committee, Chaired by Becky Sienkiewicz, reviewed the financial statements, noting there were a number of outdated numbers reported. Sec./Treasurer Shafer acknowledged the error, and Mowatt promised that corrected information will be distributed to the local units.

The By-Laws Committee chairman Harry Leshar reported no new suggested changes.

The Grievance Committee received no grievances this year.

The Expansion/Public Relations Committee chair Andy Smith of Erie reported on behalf of the committee several recurring suggestions for units to build their membership, including: getting current clubs to pay their dues; use social and news media to promote the units and the Federation; host some meetings via Zoom to increase attendance; and suggest that units communicate with other nearby units periodically throughout the year.

Finally, the Nominating Committee moved that the current officers be retained for the next year. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. Congratulations to the officers.

Executive Director Mowatt thanked the attendees for coming, and for all the help he received from units, sponsors and Federation staff in putting together the convention. He looked forward to helping the host units next year, and beyond. He referred the members to his written report, in the convention book. He mentioned the ongoing work on legislation of interest to clubs, and encouraged the members to keep in touch with their local legislators, many of whom are new this session.

PFFSO Solicitor Jim Snell, Esq., expressed his appreciation for the remarks of Rep. Mehaffie, including his advice for clubs to "stay in our lane", and not try to get into other business. He reported on recent Commonwealth Court rulings, including a Skill games case, that didn't do a lot to make the issue clearer, and looks to the General Assembly to determine the legality and regulatory structure of Skills.

A moment of silence was taken for departed clubpersons, including Joanne Turnbull of Mercer County, and immediate Past President Bob Brzezicki of Erie.

Under New Business, it was noted that Butler and Beaver County Units are discussing hosting the 2024 convention jointly, to be con-

firmed shortly. Mike Snyder also announced that Blair County has agreed to host the 2025 convention.

Following the meeting, the attendees were treated to a wonderful buffet lunch, courtesy of sponsor Lancaster Bingo Company, which also showed off some of its products, and provided information on new charitable games that we may consider adding to the Small Games of Chance arsenal. Representatives of the company explained that they work in multiple states, many of which allow for more advanced games than PA currently does, and offered to work with PA clubs to advance legislation to open the door for more games.

On Saturday evening, the attendees and guests boarded a bus and headed to the Middletown Hunters/Anglers Club for the annual Awards Banquet. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful buffet and festive beverages, then Mowatt and Snyder presented the Clubperson of the Year Awards, voted by the local units. Those winners were as follows:

**Rich Valko | FOE 2226 Littlestown | Adams**  
**John "Chong" Marchione | Monaca Legion Post 570 | Beaver**  
**Tina Leshar | Neversink Gun Club | Berks**  
**Anthony J. Ciccarella | Buccinese Club | Blair**  
**Gary Martin | Butler Elks Lodge | Butler**  
**Susan Mazzone | Polish Falcons Next 123 | Erie**  
**Anne Cryder | American Legion Post 140 Greenville | Mercer**  
**Robert Hinkle, Jr. | Spring Grove VFW Post 5265 | York**  
**Tina Hinkle | Spring Grove VFW Post 5265 | York**  
 Congrats and thanks to all for your support of your clubs, and your Federation.

Also, Solicitor Jim Snell gave the traditional swearing-in ritual for the newly re-elected officers and directors of the Federation.

Then the attendees returned to the hotel for more fun and fellowship. All in all, a very successful convention weekend! Look for more information about the 2024 convention, and other important announcements from PFFSO, in the fall Bulletin, and on the Federation website, [www.pffso.org](http://www.pffso.org), and Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/PFFSOStateOffice>

**House Liquor Control Committee Holds Hearing on Deliveries**  
<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/CMS/ArchiveDetails.cfm?SessYear=2023&MeetingId=2954&Code=28&Chamber=H>

On June 26, the committee held a public hearing on House Bill 41. Sponsored by Rep. Marci Mustello (R-Butler), the bill amends the Liquor Code, providing for transporters for hire by requiring transporters for hire to receive a Transporter-for-Hire Class A, B, C or D License from the Liquor Control Board (LCB). It provides exceptions to delivering or serving alcohol without a license; outlines actions authorized by the licenses; license holders shall maintain and keep, in physical or electronic form, daily records of transactions conducted through the license for a period of at least two years and shall maintain privacy over the collected information. Alcohol deliveries must require proof of age of the recipient. **Class D** License holders would be able to accept and forward orders for no

more than 192 fluid ounces of malt or brewed beverages per day per customer per license. A transporter for hire license holder would be considered a licensee and server if delivering alcohol to non-licensees. There shall be no criminal or civil liability for sales or service of alcohol to a visibly intoxicated person if the order was processed by a Class D License holder. Provides definitions for selling licensee and selling permittee.

**Minority Chair Mindy Fee (R-Lancaster)** expressed her thanks to the individuals testifying for the hearing. She noted Rep. Mustello the bill's sponsor, would review the hearing since she is unable to attend. Describing the legislation as "a work in progress," she asserted the provisions are a "great way to change things" for the future. "As a mother and a grandmother, I always say my main concern is always safety as we change our liquor laws," she commented. She concluded by sharing her appreciation for the testifiers.

**Rodrigo Diaz**, chief counsel, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) offered details on the history of PLCB, and he emphasized the board's neutrality over pending legislation. He delineated between transporter-for-hire license classes A, B and C and explained the benefits and drawbacks of permitting alcohol deliveries to non-licensees by a third party. Concluding his remarks, he offered multiple recommendations for the bill.

**Majority Chairman Daniel Deasy (D-Allegheny)** focused on **Responsible Alcohol Management Program (RAMP)** certification for bartenders and restaurants. He questioned whether similar training or certification should be required for delivery drivers. Diaz replied in the affirmative and he suggested they already must comply with RAMP requirements. He posited that training on alcohol sales to residences could be provided to drivers to clarify the process. He asserted the six-month timeline for training for employees as outlined in state law could be altered. "Training is very important," Diaz concluded. Chairman Deasy underscored his focus on accountability.

**Rep. David Deloso (D-Delaware)** asked whether the alcohol must be delivered to the purchaser, or whether any person within the household may receive the delivery. He also questioned whether other residents in the home would have to verify their age. Diaz opined the deliveries should require a signature or else the delivery should fail. He indicated penalties should also be enacted to prevent violations of the provisions. He reiterated his belief that whoever receives the delivery should have to establish they are 21 years of age. Rep. Deloso argued that minors would be attracted to delivered alcohol. Diaz described alcohol deliveries as an "attractive nuisance." He reiterated how the delivery should be clearly labeled and identifiable to compel drivers to complete the transaction. He noted PLCB trains its drivers to maintain records of their sales.

**Rep. Mary Isaacson (D-Philadelphia)** questioned how an individual could verify they are allowed to purchase alcohol before it is delivered. Diaz repeated that the General Assembly would have to decide on the specifics of the alcohol delivery system. He stated there is an exception to when PLCB may impose rules over the process. Rep. Isaacson argued the legislation should "have the proper chain of who's verifying and making sure" minors are not

obtaining unattended alcohol.

**Rep. Danielle Friel-Otten (D-Chester)**, pivoted to individuals suffering from a substance use disorder or a mental health crisis who still wish to purchase alcohol for delivery. She asked whether the alcohol delivery system includes mechanisms for intervening in alcohol deliveries to individuals with a substance disorder or mental health crisis. Diaz replied that other states should be reviewed for examples. He illustrated the difficulty of assessing whether consumers have a problem with alcohol. Rep. Friel-Otten specified she is referring to individuals in an active crisis who cannot directly purchase alcohol themselves. **Michael Vigoda**, Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, PLCB argued that driver training should account for individuals with active health issues and outline how to handle them.

**Major Christopher Neal**, director, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE), Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), offered comments, but due to technical issues, they were not audible.

**Jay Wiederhold**, president, Pennsylvania Beer Alliance (PBA), outlined PBA's support for the current licensed, three-tier system for alcohol deliveries within the state. He highlighted several "unintended consequences" associated with alcohol deliveries, especially the potential for large alcohol distributors to skirt the commonwealth's regulated method. He suggested implementing "good training" for delivery drivers and utilizing technology to identify a consumer's age and identification.

Chairman Deasy inquired whether demand for alcohol deliveries would remain constant or if it is a result of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Wiederhold replied that "a lot" of states have implemented successful alcohol delivery legislation, and he recommended the committee examine what the states are doing right. He cited Massachusetts as a state that "screwed up big" when enacting its own legislation. He argued consumers prefer the convenience of having items delivered to their homes. Wiederhold continued by sharing his own observation of a "ruckus" over the lack of a certain beer at a grocery store.

**Chairman Deasy** asserted the commonwealth must review successful alcohol delivery programs before implementing its own legislation. Neal responded that licensees are currently able to use transport for hire licenses, which he noted were used to alleviate the impact of the pandemic on the industry. He contended smaller distributors, "take a great deal of responsibility in delivering alcohol," may not have the same flexibility as larger distributors. He indicated his own business has an online delivery system that always verifies a consumer's age. He stated that for situations in which customers insist on purchasing alcohol, smaller businesses may turn them away and ban them from using any related online app.

Chairman Fee estimated that 33 other states employ alcohol delivery systems. She wondered if another state implemented the three-tier system that Pennsylvania currently uses. Wiederhold responded he is unsure of a definite answer, though he suggested, "Most states operate a three-tier system." Chairman Fee questioned how the three-tier system was affected in other states. Wiederhold reiterated how Massachusetts was the only state that experienced major challenges. He opined that he does not hear a lot of issues

from the industry. Wiederhold concluded by stating the demand for alcohol delivery increased since the pandemic. Chairman Fee asserted other states with delivery systems could be used as a model for the commonwealth.

**Rep. Valerie Gaydos (R-Allegheny)** emphasized how Pennsylvania companies are important to the state, and she noted local businesses were "hit hard" by the pandemic. She inquired whether anything in the bill could be used to incentivize investment from other states into Pennsylvania. Neal replied that he does not see anything within the bill fostering outside investment. Wiederhold replied that he must "be fair to all beer." He indicated he agrees with Neal's comments.

**Rep. Manuel Guzman (D-Berks)** stated that he is not completely opposed to the legislation, though he voiced concern about exposing alcohol to minors. He cited testimony from PSP that found instances of alcohol being delivered to minors. He wondered if the bill passes, who would then be accountable for minors receiving alcohol? Neal described the process as "very vague." He agreed the problem occurs and opined there is no "right or wrong answer," and the situation is just "bad all around." Wiederhold voiced his agreement with Neal's comments, though he suggested the licensee should "have a little bit more of a strict punishment" for violations because they hire drivers and provide training. He highlighted issues with drivers knowing the minor or being their friend and giving alcohol to them. He contended delivery drivers should also be under scrutiny. Rep. Guzman contended that unwitting drivers may be pulled into serious liquor law violations.

Rep. Guzman focused on machines that are used to verify one's identification (ID), noting the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has started utilizing the technology. He asserted that certain IDs from outside the country can pass the "swipe test" associated with identity verification technology. He questioned how the technology could be improved to prevent fraudulent identifications. Neal described the issue as "fluid" due to ever-changing ID technology. Rep. Guzman asserted licensees have more "institutional knowledge" of ID compared to delivery drivers. Wiederhold again underscored the importance of proper training. He commented that drivers could be trained to understand ID verification and associated technology. He suggested drivers must also be trained to confirm a person's identification in person. Rep. Guzman argued the bill has more problems to address.

**Rep. Rob Leadbeter (R-Columbia)** voiced his appreciation towards the committee for the ongoing discussion, particularly regarding other states with alcohol delivery. He focused on the bill's introduction of a "fourth tier" to the state's three-tier system. He stated Pennsylvania is "unique" because it allows distributors to work with smaller distributors to offer products. He argued the fourth tier has proved beneficial to consumers and retailers through its fostering of economic competition, workforce availability and the improved quality of products. "This process benefits the consumer, benefits the retailer ... and the distributor is able to benefit," he remarked.

Rep. Leadbeter argued there are "gaps" in the supplier side be-

cause products delivered to fourth-tier distributors limited visibility. He asserted the benefits of the fourth tier outweigh the "extra legwork." He pondered whether the bill is too reactive to market conditions. He questioned whether the state could structure a process that offers similar benefits to using a fourth-tier distributor. Wiederhold replied that "anything is possible," and he highlighted Act 166 of 2016, which he explained allows for more scrutiny over distributors. He asserted the alcohol delivery process should be "done well," and that the legislature must consider the ramifications of its implementation. He reiterated his belief it could be done, though he said he is not afraid of interfacing with retail distributors. "I think it's possible," he concluded. Neal asked whether it is unreasonable to anticipate that large beer distributors would pay to have their products appear first on online marketplaces. He argued Pennsylvania has a strong independent beer market, though competition with larger companies could make the market "go drastically different." Wiederhold noted that sliding fees are a concern, though usually with larger online platforms.

Rep. Leadbeter focused on Wiederhold's comments regarding the confidence within the industry because of state law, despite its imperfections. He emphasized passing a bill that is not perfect but does not handicap stakeholders. "However, the benefits far outweigh the concerns," he remarked.

**Alex Mooney**, DoorDash, focused on the accountability of DoorDash drivers who transport alcohol, the economic benefits of alcohol deliveries and what DoorDash recommends for improving the three-tier system. He outlined his company's focus on safety and responsibility with its alcohol delivery. He indicated restaurants that serve alcohol on DoorDash experienced an increase in order values by over 50 percent. He concluded by maintaining his company's support for the three-tier system in opposition to the proposed bill.

**Kelley Foxx**, public policy manager, Instacart, detailed his company's process for validating alcohol delivery sales. He illustrated the number of checkpoints to ordering alcohol online through Instacart, including requirements for proof of ID and ensuring the consumer is eligible to receive delivery of alcohol.

Chairman Deasy asked whether other states require age verification. Foxx replied that every state would implement a form of alcohol liability insurance. Mooney voiced his agreement with the response.

Rep. Friel-Otten questioned whether there is a limit to the amount of alcohol that may be delivered at once. She cited a bar she visits on vacation that only allows two drinks at a time. She focused on the effects of alcohol and isolation on a person's mental health, which "equals really bad outcomes." She requested examples of other states addressing mental health. Foxx responded that Pennsylvanians may not purchase more than 3,000 milliliters of wine per day per customer for a wine-expanded permit holder, and no more than 192 fluid ounces of malt and brewed beverages. He noted if a shopper feels uncomfortable, they are encouraged to return the alcohol to the distributor. He indicated his willingness to address Rep. Friel-Otten's concerns after the hearing. Mooney echoed Foxx's comments and he stat-

ed that consumers may contact DoorDash with assistance.

**Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (D-Philadelphia)** requested details on training offered by the panel's employers. He asked whether the training is annualized. He also pondered about the penalties associated with violations of law, and he argued that smaller businesses being imposed fines could be "a big deal." He added that smaller distributors have more risks associated with fines compared to larger distributors. He inquired about other states' implementation of violations for their alcohol delivery systems. Mooney underscored DoorDash's emphasis on brand awareness and accountability. He argued distributors with poor reputations for delivering alcohol may influence other businesses to act similarly. He affirmed that DoorDash takes any consumer issue seriously. Mooney outlined how DoorDash's training is provided whenever a driver is onboarded to the platform. He continued by explaining certain drivers are given the option to deliver alcohol. Rep. Kenyatta shared that he is "not closed off" to the bill's goal, though he opined a closer look at its penalty fee structure and training provisions could be fruitful. He related how when he managed a restaurant, training was always provided to employees even though it constantly evolved.

Rep. Delloso queried about drivers who have their sales canceled due to an underage recipient. He questioned whether drivers would be compensated for the delivery. Mooney replied the drivers would be compensated as if the delivery was completed and they are required to collect information on the sale for communication to DoorDash. Foxx added that Instacart consumers are offered a financial incentive to return the alcohol to the distributor. Rep. Delloso asked whether consumers may choose the distributor from which the driver picks up the alcohol. Mooney explained that alcohol deliveries are like ordering from a restaurant and the specific alcohol distributor is up to the consumer. Foxx stressed that Instacart is retail enabled, meaning retailers would control the interaction with the online consumer. Rep. Delloso wondered whether the retailer would have to make itself available to Instacart. Foxx replied in the affirmative. Rep. Delloso questioned if the online markets have structures in place to combat "unsavory" retailers. Foxx replied that the contract between Instacart and the retailer would have procedures in place.

**Freddie Goldstein**, Uber Eats, outlined the age verification process with alcohol deliveries at her company. She emphasized the importance of safety to her company, explaining that delivery drivers receive training and are required to check the validity of the transaction as well as the visible wellbeing of the consumer. She continued by noting that users of Uber Eats may specify in their online account whether they can see entities offering alcohol.

Rep. Delloso questioned who pays the fine for a violation. Mooney responded that state law dictates who pays the fine. He pointed out that usually a "combination of the online retailer and the delivery platform" handles the fine. He indicated the proposed bill would not impose a fine on a retailer for a mistake by the delivery platform.

Rep. Leadbeter focused on retailers within the online market apps. He asked whether it is a best practice within the industry

to provide smaller employers with the opportunity to reach new consumers online. He suggested that small businesses are an integral part of his constituency. Mooney claimed DoorDash views itself as providing small businesses with business opportunities they would not have had. He added that retailers in other states have experienced success through online marketplaces. Foxx voiced his agreement with Mooney's comments, asserting the larger online platforms benefit local businesses. He argued that in certain instances, smaller businesses might not be able to afford the costs associated with alcohol delivery.

**Rep. Matthew Gergely (D-Allegheny)** asked whether the drivers are incentivized to deliver alcohol. Goldstein explained that even though there are no concrete incentives, the inclusion of alcohol in a sale raises the total sale value, which could act as an informal incentive. She argued the barrier to entry for serving alcohol also deters improper activity.

Chairman Fee inquired about the frequency of alcohol deliveries to minors in other states. Foxx responded he does not have definitive information, though he stated in other states, "The process works exactly like it's supposed to." Mooney reiterated his testimony that indicates consumers must upload ID before they can purchase alcohol, which he asserted is preventing minors from trying to acquire alcohol online. Chairman Fee asked whether each state has an ID check. Mooney said no, but he indicated the ID check is DoorDash policy everywhere. Chair Fee commented that she likes the universal ID check used by DoorDash. Goldstein suggested the occurrence is "relatively low." She added that Uber Eats may remove consumers, retailers and drivers from its services. Chairman Fee commented that she likes the policy as well.

Rep. Kenyatta requested details about the frequency of Uber Eats alcohol delivery training and what the training entails. Goldstein outlined how training is provided throughout the year to employees, and she explained the training was developed using guidance from Responsibility.org and the International Alliance for Responsible Drinking (IARD). She added she could provide more training information to the committee. Foxx articulated how Instacart's training includes information on the legal purchase of alcohol, prohibition against buying from minors, criminal and civil penalties, how to identify an inebriated customer and valid and fraudulent forms of ID relating to alcohol purchases by minors. He stated the training is not annualized and is provided to drivers recently onboarded to the platform. Rep. Kenyatta wondered if details on the training could be provided to the committee. Foxx replied in the affirmative.

Rep. Friel-Otten asked whether drivers removed from one platform could deliver for another platform. Mooney answered the issue is focused on privacy and Rep. Friel-Otten makes a "good point." He conceded that there is a lack of transparency between online platforms regarding drivers and their history.

**Rep. Joe McAndrew (D-Allegheny)** pondered whether the bill is "all or nothing" or if could allow a specific type of alcoholic beverage. He questioned whether it is common for states to select one type of alcoholic beverage to allow. He asked if other states have caps on alcohol by volume (ABV). Foxx stated the bill includes every beverage allowed to be sold under a wine-expanded permit. He indicated "nothing specific" would be singled out. Rep. McAndrew questioned whether other states have laws that do not allow sales of beverages above a certain ABV. Foxx responded that Instacart would comply with any relevant state laws or regulations. Goldstein communicated that in her experience, legislation does not consider ABV with the same importance as the total number of drinks that may be delivered. Mooney voiced his agreement.

**After the hearing, staff was asked if this bill will be moving any time soon, and the answer was, NO.**

## Senate Democrats Hold Hearing on Games of Skill

On August 23rd, **Senator Amanada Cappelletti (D-Delaware)** and **Senate Democratic Policy Committee Chair Senator Katie Muth (D-Chester)** held a policy hearing on the use of so-called "Skill Games" in the Commonwealth and how they affect Pennsylvanians. Discussion covered the current status of these "skill games", an ongoing court battle over the legality of the games, and how they people directly and indirectly. With virtually no regulation, so-called "skill games" have become a highly contested industry in the Commonwealth and it is estimated that they have already diverted over \$650 million away from programs that assist vulnerable senior citizens. The hearing was held at Radnorshire Room at the Radnor Township Municipal Building

### Testimony

Panel 1: Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

[Kevin F. O'Toole, Executive Director – Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board \(PGCB\)](#)

Panel 2: Gaming Industry

[Jeff Morris, Vice President for Public Affairs & Government Relations – Penn Entertainment](#)

Chris Cykle, Vice President of Government Relations – American Gaming Association

[Del Guerrini, President of The Pennsylvania Amusement and Music Machine Association \(PAMMA\)](#)

Panel 3: Criminal Effects of Skill Gaming

[Jack Stollsteimer, District Attorney – Delaware County](#)

Curtis Jones, Majority Leader – Philadelphia City Council  
Additional Documents

[Background Documents Submitted by Penn Entertainment](#)  
[PENN Entertainment Presentation](#)

[Harrah's Philadelphia Casino Opposition to Skill Games Letter – August 23, 2023](#)

[Casinos Amici Curiae Brief 761 CD 2023 – August 16, 2023](#)

[Casinos Amici Curiae Brief 707 CD 2023 – August 16, 2023](#)

[Appeal from the Order of the Honorable Andrew H. Dowling of the Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin County, Civil Division, 2022-CV-06333-MD, dated March 23, 2023, Granting Motion for Return of Property](#)

[Appeal from the Order of the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, entered February 8, 2023, at No. 6673 CV 2021](#)  
[Amicus Curiae Brief Gaming Control Board – August 16, 2023](#)  
[Amicus Curiae Brief American Gaming Association – August 16, 2023](#)

The hearing can be viewed here:

<https://pasenate.com/policy/>

### From the PA Bulletin

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### Legislative Activity

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

[HB 38](#) RE: Rauwolf liquor licenses (by Rep. Marci Mustello, et al) Amends Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for applications for hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses and for application for distributors', addresses Rauwolf liquor licenses.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Passed House, 5/2/2023 (201-0)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 5/5/2023**

[HB 41](#) RE: [Safe Online Ordering and Local Delivery of Beer and Wine](#) (by Rep. Marci Mustello, et al)

Amends Liquor Code, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, providing for transporters for hire, permitting beer and wine delivery by WEP licensees and third parties who hold LCB-licensed Transporter-for-Hire permits through an on-line ordering and delivery platforms that they establish. It would also grant these rights to beer distributors and enhance the state's online retail ordering process by offering another mechanism for local delivery from state stores.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Public hearing held in House Liquor Control Committee, 6/26/2023**

[HB 165](#) RE: Table Games for Tax Relief (by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, et al)

Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in table games, further providing for table game taxes to be deposited into the Property Tax Relief Fund; and making a repeal. Effective July 1, 2023, or immediately, whichever is later.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Introduced and referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 5/24/2023**

[HB 829](#) RE: Interlocking Businesses (by Rep. Matthew Gergely, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for interlocking business prohibited and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees. Provides that a person with ownership interest in a brewery license shall not prohibit the person from being employed by an entity that holds a hotel, restaurant, eating place or **club license** if the person is not employed as a manager. Further provides it is unlawful for any hotel, restaurant or club liquor licensee, or any malt or brewed beverage licensee, or any officer or manager of such licensee to be at the same time employed, directly or indirectly, by any distributor, importing distributor, manufacturer, importer or vendor licensee or any out of state manufacturer.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Passed House, 5/3/2023 (199-2)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 5/5/2023**

[HB 1089](#) RE: Social Card Games (by Rep. Sheryl Delozier, et al)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, providing for social card games and tournaments. Inserts definitions for nonbanking card game, nonbanking card game tournament or tournament, pyramid or build-up and social card game or card game. Authorizes social card games to be played at licensed premises of an eligible organization in accordance with the act. Details the limitations and expectations of social card games.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Game and Fisheries Committee, 5/2/2023**

[HB 1096](#) RE: Liquor License Conversions (by Rep. Steve Malagari, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, to allow hotel licenses to be converted to restaurant licenses, two years after the effective date.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/3/2023**

**Reported as amended from House Liquor Control Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules**

**Reported as committed from House Rules Committee, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/29/2023**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations, read third time, and passed House, 7/6/2023 (172-31)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 7/17/2023**

[HB 1135](#) RE: Minimum Wage (By Rep. Chris Rabb, et al)

Amends The Minimum Wage Act, for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for gratuities; for enforcement and rules and regulations, for penalties and for civil actions; repealing provisions relating to preemption. **Removes language from the definition of "wage" regarding determining the hourly wage an employer is required to pay a tipped employee.** Adds a defini-

tion for "covered business entity" and adds to the definition of "employee" to include any employed individual incarcerated in a State or local jail or prison and any individual who contracts for services with a covered business entity. **Establishes the minimum wage in 2024 to be \$15, in 2025 to be \$16, in 2017 to be \$19.50 and in 2028 to be \$21. Increases the fines to \$225 and at most \$900 for employers who pay or agreed to pay any employee less than the rates applicable to such employee.** **PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Labor and Industry Committee, 5/10/2023**

[HB 1160](#) RE: Catering Licenses (by Rep. Napoleon Nelson, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions to allow an unlimited number of catered functions to be held by each license holder for use with a particular license every calendar year. **Provides catering club licensees may not cater more than 24 occasions during its licensed term, with no more than two events per month.** Makes related repeals. Amendments to provisions relating to the number of occasions licensed caterers may cater are effective in 60 days. The remainder of the act is effective Jan. 1, 2025.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/15/2023**

**Reported as amended from House Liquor Control Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 5/23/2023**

**Removed from the table, read second time, and rereferred to House Appropriations Committee, 6/13/2023**

**Reported as committed from House Appropriations Committee, 6/14/2023**

**Read third time, and passed House, 6/20/2023 (202-1)**

**Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 6/30/2023**

[HB 1174](#) RE: Increasing the Licensee Discount to 15% (by Rep. Melissa Shusterman, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores by increasing the discount price to licensees from 10 percent from the retail price to 15 percent from the retail price.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/15/2023**

[HB 1191](#) RE: Returnable Beverage Container Act (by Rep. Melissa Shusterman, et al)

Provides for the return of beverage containers and for the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). **Imposes a returnable beverage container assessment on distributors of five cents per returnable container beginning Jan. 1, 2024.** Outlines duties of returnable beverage distributors, including the duty to register and maintain records. Establishes the Returnable Beverage Container Fund (fund) within the State Treasury and provides details on the fund's use. Provides for a returnable deposit value on returnable beverage containers, for

redemption of empty returnable beverage containers, for redemption centers and for payment of claims from the fund and requires DEP to file an annual report to General Assembly on the provisions' effectiveness. Specifies definitions. Provides for inventory reports, for the sale of beverages in returnable beverage containers and for returnable beverage container requirements.

**PFFSO Position: OPPOSE**

**Introduced and referred to House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, 5/18/2023**

**HB 1217** RE: Fraternal Organizations (by Rep. Ed Neilson, et al) Amends the Fiscal Code providing for certain fraternal organizations as institutions of purely public charity. The bill provides that fraternal beneficiary societies, orders or associations operating under the lodge system qualify for an exemption from taxation if the organization has been operating in the commonwealth for not less than 100 years, qualifies under section 501(c)(8) or (10) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and has not been issued a license under the Liquor Code.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Introduced and referred to House Finance Committee, 5/24/2023**

**HB 1251** RE: [Allowing Public Comment on Nuisance Bar Liquor License Renewals](#) (by Rep. Jessica Benham, et al) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed service.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/24/2023**

**HB 1252** RE: [Public Safety Grants for Municipalities Oversaturated with Liquor Licenses](#) (by Rep. Jessica Benham, et al)

Amends "An act imposing an emergency State tax on liquor, as herein defined, sold by the PLCB; providing for the collection and payment of such tax; and imposing duties upon the Dept. of Revenue and the PLCB", further providing for tax.

**PFFSO Position: Opposed**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/24/2023**

**Reported as amended from House Liquor Control Committee, read first time, and rereferred to House Rules Committee, 6/22/2023**

**Reported as committed from House Rules Committee, 6/28/2023**

**HB 1256** RE: [Change To PLCB Regulations To Allow For Beer Sales In Convenience Stores That Also Sell Motor Fuels](#) (by Rep. Abby Major, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations relating to liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for applications for hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses.

**PFFSO Position: Opposed**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 5/25/2023**

**HB 1392** RE: [Importing Distributor Warehouse Employee Flexibility](#) (by Rep. Ann Flood, et al)

Amends Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees. Adds that persons between the ages of 16 and 18 may be employed to work within the licensed premises but may not sell malt and brewed beverages.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 6/13/2023**

**HB 1400** RE: [Addressing the Delays to Beer and Malt Beverage Deliveries](#) (by Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for exemptions. The legislation would establish a monthly reporting requirement for wholesalers. These distributors with franchise agreements would be required to keep a record of instances where they fail to deliver products to bars and taverns in a reasonable time, and then self-report these instances to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) every month.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Liquor Control Committee, 6/13/2023**

**HB 1452** RE: Online Raffles (by Rep. Anita Kulik, et al)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for payment and for online raffle sales; and abrogating a regulation.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 6/20/2023**

**HB 1500** RE: Minimum Wage (by Rep. Jason Dawkins, et al)

Amends the Minimum Wage Act requiring the tipped minimum wage to be 60 percent of the cash wage and gradually raising the minimum to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2026, and increasing each Jan. 1 based on the Consumer Price Index.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Reported as amended from House Appropriations Committee, read third time, and passed House, 6/20/2023 (103-100) Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee, 7/5/2023**

**HB 1557** RE: Firefighter and Emergency Medical Service Provider Recruitment and Retention Tax Credit (by Rep. Joe Hogan, et al) Amends the Tax Reform Code, providing for Firefighter and Emergency Medical Service Provider Recruitment and Retention Tax Credit. Specifies definitions. Provides for credit attraction and retention of needed professionals, including tax credit, claim of tax credit, adequate proof of qualifications, applicability of tax credit and duration of tax credit. Establishes that a qualified taxpayer may not carry over, carry back, sell, assign or transfer a tax credit. Specifies that the Department of Revenue (DOR) shall publish guidelines and may promulgate regulations necessary for the implementation and administration of this article. Provides



that the tax credit shall apply to individuals who become qualifying taxpayers after Dec. 31, 2022, and prior to Jan. 1, 2026. This article shall expire Dec. 31, 2028.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Finance Committee, 7/5/2023**

**HB 1605** RE: Ambulance Transportation Services (by Rep. Lisa Borowski, et al)

Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for ambulance transportation services. Provides for money appropriated for medical assistance capitation, beginning January 1, 2025, sufficient funds shall be included to provide rates for ambulance transportation for ground mileage at \$4 per mile for each loaded mile.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 7/5/2023**

**HB 1620** RE: [Compensation to Volunteer Fire Departments due to Motor Vehicle Accidents](#) (by Rep. Clint Owlett)

Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, to provide for compensation to volunteer fire companies for equipment or infrastructure failures. Provides that if a local exchange telecommunications company fails to physically respond within 90 minutes, it shall pay \$1,000 for each hour of active deployment of a volunteer firefighter. Defines volunteer fire company and volunteer firefighter.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Consumer Protection/Technology/Utility Committee, 8/15/2023**

**HB 1622** RE: [Compensation to Volunteer Fire Departments During 911 System Outages](#) (by Rep. Clint Owlett)

Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, to provide for a compensation of \$1,000 to volunteer fire companies for each hour a volunteer fire company is required to physically maintain a volunteer firefighter at the company's fire station for outages of 911 systems. Defines 911 system, volunteer fire company and volunteer firefighter.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Consumer Protection/Technology/Utility Committee, 8/16/2023**

**HR 125** RE: Veterans Week of Service (by Rep. Stephen Kinsey, et al)

A Resolution designating the week of November 4 through 11, 2023, as "Veterans Week of Service" in Pennsylvania to coincide with the annual Veterans Day observance on November 11, 2023.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Introduced and referred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 5/24/2023**

**SB 114** RE: Fire and EMS Instruction in Schools (By Sen. Michele Brooks, et al)

Amends the Public School Code, in terms and courses of study, further providing for firefighter and emergency service training to school entities and nonpublic schools and establishing the Secondary Education Fire Training Pilot Program to provide high school students with instruction through a partnership with institutions of higher education, school entities, or nonpublic schools in order to increase the number of individuals capable of becoming volunteer firefighters. Provides the state fire commissioner accepts proposals from institutions of higher education and selects three to offer the pilot program, as geographically distributed as possible. Additionally provides the state fire commissioner enter into an agreement with a school entity or nonpublic school for the provision of fire instruction to students in at least the ninth grade. Establishes the Fire Training Fund, which permits donations and appropriates \$150,000 to each institution of higher education offering the pilot program for the duration of the program. Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a survey of volunteer fire companies in the municipalities surrounding school entities and nonpublic schools that participate in the pilot program to determine if the program is increasing the number of volunteer firefighters, with the results submitted to legislative leadership within 6 months of the completion of the program. Provides the pilot program expire 4 years after the effective date.

**PFFSO Position: Support**  
**Passed Senate, 1/18/2023 (49-0)**  
**Received in the House and referred to House Education Committee, 3/8/2023**  
**Reported from House Education Committee with request to refer to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 4/24/2023**  
**Rereferred to House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, 8/1/2023**

**SB 360** RE: Club Six Packs (by Sen. Judy Ward, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions by specifying no club licensee or its servants, agents, or employees may sell malt or brewed beverages for off-premises consumption between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day. Further provides for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, specifying no club licensee or its servants, agents, or employees may sell malt or brewed beverages for off-premises consumption between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**  
**Reported as committed from Senate Law and Justice Committee, 4/25/2023**  
**Laid on the table, 6/7/2023**

**SB 365** RE: [Workers' Compensation for First Responders With PTSI](#) (by Sen. Camera Bartolotta, et al)

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions by inserting definitions for first responder and post-traumatic stress injury. In liability and compensation, further providing for compensation for post-traumatic stress injury by clarifying a post-traumatic stress injury suffered by a first responder shall be determined if there is evidence the injury resulted from normal or abnormal working

conditions and was sustained in the individual's employment as a first responder; the injury shall be examined and diagnosed by a psychologist or psychiatrist; an injury claim must be filed within three years of the date of diagnosis' when an injury is diagnosed after the last date of employment, the act shall not prohibit a claim against an employer at the time of the direct exposure to the traumatic event that cause the injury. Amendments to the act shall apply to claims filed on or after the effective date.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Reported as amended from Senate Labor and Industry Committee, and read first time, 6/27/2023**

**SB 553** RE: Sports Raffle Charities (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al) Amends the Sports Raffle Charities Act, further providing for an athletic event drawing to specify 45 percent of the 50 percent of the total amount collected from selling event drawing tickets shall be donated within seven days of the drawing and the remaining five percent shall be used to fund grants issued by emergency medical services (EMS). The affiliated nonprofit organization shall compile a report on the ticket sales for the General Assembly and the appropriate committees.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 4/19/2023**

**SB 629** RE: [Sales & Use Tax Correction - Waste Grease Removal](#) (by Sen. Camera Bartolotta, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax. Excludes the sale at retail or use of services related to cleaning or maintenance of a storage trap utilized by a food service or restaurant establish to collect grease waste from tax.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance, 4/28/2023**

**Reported as committed from Senate Finance Committee, and read first time, 5/9/2023**

**Read second time, and Rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/19/2023**

**SB 669** RE: SGOC Payments (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for payment; and abrogating the provisions of 61 Pa. Code 901.506 insofar as they are inconsistent with the addition of section 301.2 of the act. Provides that a licensed eligible organization must accept cash and may accept a debit card as a payment method for the playing of games of chance. Specifies that a licensed eligible organization may establish its own policies concerning acceptance of checks, money orders and debit cards as they shall not be required to accept a check, money order or debit card.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 5/22/2023**

**SB 688** RE: Ready to Drink Cocktails Sales (by Sen. Mike Regan, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further

providing for definitions of "ready-to-drink cocktail" and "spirits"; in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, providing sales of ready-to-drink cocktails by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, providing liquor licenses may sell ready-to-drink cocktails.

**PFFSO Position: OPPOSED**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 5/5/2023**

**Reported as committed from Senate Law and Justice Committee, and read first time, 5/10/2023**

**Read second time, 6/21/2023**

**Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9), 6/28/2023**

**SB 704** RE: [Casino Smoking Ban Compromise](#) (by Sen. Wayne Fontana, et al)

Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act, further providing for definitions and for prohibition. Would allow casinos to permit smoking in a separate, enclosed area.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee, 5/23/2023**

**SB 706** RE: Skill Games Licensing (by Sen. Gene Yaw, et al)

Act providing for skill video gaming; imposing duties on the Department of Revenue; providing for issuance of licenses for skill video gaming; imposing a tax and criminal and civil penalties; and providing for zoning.

**PFFSO Position: Support in Concept**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 5/26/2023**

**SB 711** RE: Bingo: [Allowing Tickets to a Bingo Event to be Purchased Online with a Debit Card](#) (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al)

Amends the Bingo Law, further providing for rules for licensing and operation. A licensed association may sell tickets to its bingo event online, but the purchase of the online tickets may only be made through the use of a debit card and not a credit card

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Development Committee, 5/24/2023**

**SB 743** RE: Minimum Wage (by Sen. Dan Laughlin, et al)

Amends The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions and for minimum wages. increases the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$15.00 per hour by 2026 and permanently index it to inflation thereafter. It will also include language to set the tipped wage in Pennsylvania to 40% of the minimum wage as previously established in Pennsylvania Code.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee, 5/31/2023**

**SB 772** RE: [One Fair Wage of \\$15 in PA](#) (by Sen. Arthur Haywood, et al)

Amends the Minimum Wage Act, further providing for definitions, to amend the definition of wage, and to amend the definition of gratuities to include references to tips. Provides a definition for tipped employee. Further providing for minimum wages

to include tipped employees. Provides for a \$15 an hour minimum wage beginning Jan. 1, 2024, and for an annual cost-of-living adjustment beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Removes language in preemption. The amendment of the definition of wage shall take effect in six months. The remainder of this act shall be effective immediately.

**PFFSO Position: Neutral**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Labor and Industry Committee, 6/6/2023**

**SB 821** RE: Personal Privacy Protection Act (by Sen. Chris Gebhard, et al)

Prohibits a public agency to require a person or nonprofit organization to provide a public agency with personal information or otherwise compel them to release personal information, release publicize or otherwise publicly disclose personal information in the possession of the public agency without the express, written permission of the nonprofit organization and each member, supporter, volunteer and financial or nonfinancial donor identified in the personal information, request or require a current or prospective contractor or grantee with the public agency to provide a list of nonprofit organizations to which the current or prospective contractor or grantee has provided financial or nonfinancial support. Provides personal information shall be exempt from the Right to Know Law. Provides for non-applicability. Provides for civil action.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to Senate State Government Committee, 6/29/2023**

**SB 882** RE: [Special Orders for Wine and Spirit Sales](#) (by Sen. Judy Ward, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. Removes language providing for if the board believes that demand for the item such that it should be made available generally. Adds language providing for the cumulative number of bottles of the item processed through special order exceeds 72,000 on an annual basis, calculated Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. The amendment of section 305(a.1) of the act shall apply retroactively to Jan. 1, 2023

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Introduced and referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 8/1/2023**

#### Upcoming meetings of Interest

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>

Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

#### 2023 FALL HOUSE SESSION DAYS

The House stands in recess until September 26, pending resumption of the budget process

#### 2023 Fall House Session Schedule

September 26, 27

October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 30, 31

November 1, 13, 14, 15

#### 2023 FALL SENATE SESSION DAYS (Subject to change)

The Senate recessed until September 18, pending resumption of budget process

#### Fall Senate Session Schedule (subject to change)

September 18, 19, 20

October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

November 13, 14, 15

December 11, 12, 13

#### Public Meetings of the Liquor Control Board

The LCB last met on August 9. Minutes can be <https://www.lcb.pa.gov/About-Us/Board/Current%20Year%20Board%20Agendas%20and%20Meeting%20Minutes/July%2020,%202023.pdf>

The next meeting will be held on August 30. 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, and meetings are broadcast via Microsoft Teams over [internet](#).

The telephone conference call can be accessed by dialing (267-332-8737, code 240 679 670)# to listen to these meetings.

<https://www.lcb.pa.gov/About-Us/Board/Pages/Public-Meetings.aspx>

**Remaining 2023 Public meeting schedule (subject to change):**  
**August 9, August 30, 2023, September 20, October 4, October 18, November 1, November 15, December 6, December 20**

Note: Thank you for paying your 2023 membership dues. Dues Bills for clubs and units for 2023 will have 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](http://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! The staff at the Federation wish you all a safe and happy holiday season, and a prosperous New Year!

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