



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 189 Printer's No. 181

Prime Sponsor: Sonney
Committee: Law and Justice

SYNOPSIS:

Amends the Liquor Code to allow wine producers to direct ship wine to residents of the Commonwealth and reduces the special liquor order markup for licensees.

SUMMARY:

Direct Shipment of Wine:

Amends the Liquor Code (Title 47) to allow a person licensed by the board or another state as a producer of wine and who obtains a direct wine shippers license to ship an unlimited amount of wine to any resident of the Commonwealth who is over the age of 21 for their personal use.

In order to obtain a license, the direct wine shipper must apply for the license, pay a registration fee, provide a copy of its current alcohol beverage license, and provide documentation that the applicant has obtained a sales tax license from the Pa Department of Revenue. Those holding a direct wine shipper license must renew the license annually and pay a fee. A direct wine shipper would be required to collect the 6% sales tax and the 18% Johnstown Flood tax.

The bill requires proof of age of the recipient prior to delivery and labeling to include: "Contains Alcohol: Signature of Person 21 Years of Age or Older Required for Delivery."

Special Liquor Orders:

Reduces the markup applied to Special Liquor Orders from 30% to 10%. Special liquor orders are placed through the PLCB when a product is unavailable through the state store. These products will still be subject to the 6% sales tax, 18% liquor tax and shipping charges.

Special Occasion Permit:

Adds a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to fund research for achromatopsia to the definition of entities eligible to obtain a special occasion permit.

Effective Date: 60 Days

BILL HISTORY:

Passed House 5-11-15 (192-1)

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