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AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An 1 act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and 2 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and 3 changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, 5 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding 6 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic 7 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the 8 9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing 10 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, 11 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective 12 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain 13 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure 14 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; 15 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in 16 17 licenses and regulations for liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for malt and brewed 18 beverages manufactures', distributors' and importing 19 distributors' licenses, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, 20 alcohol and liquor licensees and for unlawful acts relative 21 22 to malt or brewed beverages and licensees; and, in 23 distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for exemptions. 24 25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 26 hereby enacts as follows: 27 Section 1. Section 431(b) of the act of April 12, 1951
- 28 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, amended June 5, 2020

- 1 (P.L.213, No.29), is amended to read:
- 2 Section 431. Malt and Brewed Beverages Manufacturers',
- 3 Distributors' and Importing Distributors' Licenses. --* * *
- 4 (b) The board shall issue to any reputable person who
- 5 applies therefor, and pays the license fee hereinafter
- 6 prescribed, a distributor's or importing distributor's license
- 7 for the place which such person desires to maintain for the sale
- 8 of malt or brewed beverages, not for consumption on the premises
- 9 where sold, and in quantities of not less than a case or
- 10 original containers containing one hundred twenty-eight ounces
- 11 or more which may be sold separately as prepared for the market
- 12 by the manufacturer at the place of manufacture. In addition, a
- 13 distributor license holder may sell malt or brewed beverages in
- 14 any amount to a person not licensed by the board for off-
- 15 premises consumption[.], except that distributors shall not
- 16 <u>deliver frozen or partially frozen malt or brewed beverage</u>
- 17 products unless the products are delivered in the original
- 18 package as provided by the manufacturer. The sales shall not be
- 19 required to be in the package configuration designated by the
- 20 manufacturer and may be sold in refillable growlers. The board
- 21 shall have the discretion to refuse a license to any person or
- 22 to any corporation, partnership or association if such person,
- 23 or any officer or director of such corporation, or any member or
- 24 partner of such partnership or association shall have been
- 25 convicted or found guilty of a felony within a period of five
- 26 years immediately preceding the date of application for the said
- 27 license: And provided further, That, in the case of any new
- 28 license or the transfer of any license to a new location, the
- 29 board may, in its discretion, grant or refuse such new license
- 30 or transfer if such place proposed to be licensed is within

- 1 three hundred feet of any church, hospital, charitable
- 2 institution, school or public playground, or if such new license
- 3 or transfer is applied for a place which is within two hundred
- 4 feet of any other premises which is licensed by the board: And
- 5 provided further, That the board shall refuse any application
- 6 for a new license or the transfer of any license to a new
- 7 location if, in the board's opinion, such new license or
- 8 transfer would be detrimental to the welfare, health, peace and
- 9 morals of the inhabitants of the neighborhood within a radius of
- 10 five hundred feet of the place proposed to be licensed. The
- 11 board may enter into an agreement with the applicant concerning
- 12 additional restrictions on the license in question. If the board
- 13 and the applicant enter into such an agreement, such agreement
- 14 shall be binding on the applicant. Failure by the applicant to
- 15 adhere to the agreement will be sufficient cause to form the
- 16 basis for a citation under section 471 and for the nonrenewal of
- 17 the license under section 470. If the board enters into an
- 18 agreement with an applicant concerning additional restrictions,
- 19 those restrictions shall be binding on subsequent holders of the
- 20 license until the license is transferred to a new location or
- 21 until the board enters into a subsequent agreement removing
- 22 those restrictions. If the application in question involves a
- 23 location previously licensed by the board, then any restrictions
- 24 imposed by the board on the previous license at that location
- 25 shall be binding on the applicant unless the board enters into a
- 26 new agreement rescinding those restrictions. The board shall
- 27 require notice to be posted on the property or premises upon
- 28 which the licensee or proposed licensee will engage in sales of
- 29 malt or brewed beverages. This notice shall be similar to the
- 30 notice required of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licensees.

- 1 Except as hereinafter provided, such license shall authorize
- 2 the holder thereof to sell or deliver malt or brewed beverages
- 3 in quantities above specified anywhere within the Commonwealth
- 4 of Pennsylvania, which, in the case of distributors, have been
- 5 purchased only from persons licensed under this act as
- 6 manufacturers or importing distributors, and in the case of
- 7 importing distributors, have been purchased from manufacturers
- 8 or persons outside this Commonwealth engaged in the legal sale
- 9 of malt or brewed beverages or from manufacturers or importing
- 10 distributors licensed under this article. In the case of an
- 11 importing distributor, the holder of such a license shall be
- 12 authorized to store and repackage malt or brewed beverages owned
- 13 by a manufacturer at a segregated portion of a warehouse or
- 14 other storage facility authorized by section 441(d) and operated
- 15 by the importing distributor within its appointed territory and
- 16 deliver such beverages to another importing distributor who has
- 17 been granted distribution rights by the manufacturer as provided
- 18 herein. The importing distributor shall be permitted to receive
- 19 a fee from the manufacturer for any related storage, repackaging
- 20 or delivery services. In the case of a bailee for hire hired by
- 21 a manufacturer, the holder of such a permit shall be authorized:
- 22 to receive, store and repackage malt or brewed beverages
- 23 produced by that manufacturer for sale by that manufacturer to
- 24 importing distributors to whom that manufacturer has given
- 25 distribution rights pursuant to this subsection or to purchasers
- 26 outside this Commonwealth for delivery outside this
- 27 Commonwealth; or to ship to that manufacturer's storage
- 28 facilities outside this Commonwealth. The bailee for hire shall
- 29 be permitted to receive a fee from the manufacturer for any
- 30 related storage, repackaging or delivery services. The bailee

- 1 for hire shall, as required in Article V of this act, keep
- 2 complete and accurate records of all transactions, inventory,
- 3 receipts and shipments and make all records and the licensed
- 4 areas available for inspection by the board and for the
- 5 Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement,
- 6 during normal business hours.
- 7 Each out of State manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 8 whose products are sold and delivered in this Commonwealth shall
- 9 give distributing rights for such products in designated
- 10 geographical areas to specific importing distributors, and such
- 11 importing distributor shall not sell or deliver malt or brewed
- 12 beverages manufactured by the out of State manufacturer to any
- 13 person issued a license under the provisions of this act whose
- 14 licensed premises are not located within the geographical area
- 15 for which he has been given distributing rights by such
- 16 manufacturer. In addition, the holder of a distributor license
- 17 may not sell or deliver malt or brewed beverages to any licensee
- 18 whose licensed premises is located within the designated
- 19 geographical area granted to an importing distributor other than
- 20 the importing distributor that sold the malt or brewed beverages
- 21 to the distributor. If the licensee purchasing the malt or
- 22 brewed beverages from the distributor license holder holds
- 23 multiple licenses or operates at more than one location, then
- 24 the malt or brewed beverages may not be consumed or sold at
- 25 licensed premises located within the designated geographical
- 26 area granted to an importing distributor other than the
- 27 importing distributor that sold the malt or brewed beverages to
- 28 the distributor. Should a licensee accept the delivery of malt
- 29 or brewed beverages or transfer malt or brewed beverages in
- 30 violation of this section, said licensee shall be subject to a

- 1 suspension of his license for at least thirty days: Provided,
- 2 That the importing distributor holding such distributing rights
- 3 for such product shall not sell or deliver the same to another
- 4 importing distributor without first having entered into a
- 5 written agreement with the said secondary importing distributor
- 6 setting forth the terms and conditions under which such products
- 7 are to be resold within the territory granted to the primary
- 8 importing distributor by the manufacturer.
- 9 When a Pennsylvania manufacturer of malt or brewed beverages
- 10 licensed under this article names or constitutes a distributor
- 11 or importing distributor as the primary or original supplier of
- 12 his product, he shall also designate the specific geographical
- 13 area for which the said distributor or importing distributor is
- 14 given distributing rights, and such distributor or importing
- 15 distributor shall not sell or deliver the products of such
- 16 manufacturer to any person issued a license under the provisions
- 17 of this act whose licensed premises are not located within the
- 18 geographical area for which distributing rights have been given
- 19 to the distributor and importing distributor by the said
- 20 manufacturer. In addition, the holder of a distributor license
- 21 may not sell or deliver malt or brewed beverages to a licensee
- 22 whose licensed premises is located within the designated
- 23 geographical area granted to an importing distributor other than
- 24 the importing distributor that sold the malt or brewed beverages
- 25 to the distributor. If the licensee purchasing the malt or
- 26 brewed beverages from the distributor license holder holds
- 27 multiple licenses or operates at more than one location, the
- 28 malt or brewed beverages may not be consumed or sold at licensed
- 29 premises located within the designated geographical area granted
- 30 to an importing distributor other than the importing distributor

- 1 that sold the malt or brewed beverages to the distributor. If a
- 2 licensee accepts the delivery of malt or brewed beverages or
- 3 transfers malt or brewed beverages in violation of this section,
- 4 the licensee shall be subject to suspension of his license for
- 5 at least thirty days: Provided, That the importing distributor
- 6 holding such distributing rights for such product shall not sell
- 7 or deliver the same to another importing distributor without
- 8 first having entered into a written agreement with the said
- 9 secondary importing distributor setting forth the terms and
- 10 conditions under which such products are to be resold within the
- 11 territory granted to the primary importing distributor by the
- 12 manufacturer. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to
- 13 prevent any manufacturer from authorizing the importing
- 14 distributor holding the distributing rights for a designated
- 15 geographical area from selling the products of such manufacturer
- 16 to another importing distributor also holding distributing
- 17 rights from the same manufacturer for another geographical area,
- 18 providing such authority be contained in writing and a copy
- 19 thereof be given to each of the importing distributors so
- 20 affected.
- 21 * * *
- 22 Section 2. Sections 491(1) and 492(2) and (3) of the act are
- 23 amended and the sections are amended by adding clauses to read:
- 24 Section 491. Unlawful Acts Relative to Liquor, Alcohol and
- 25 Liquor Licensees.--
- 26 It shall be unlawful--
- 27 (1) Sales of Liquor. [For] <u>Except as provided under clause</u>
- 28 (1.1), for any person, by himself or by an employe or agent, to
- 29 expose or keep for sale, or directly or indirectly, or upon any
- 30 pretense or upon any device, to sell or offer to sell any liquor

- 1 within this Commonwealth, except in accordance with the
- 2 provisions of this act and the regulations of the board. This
- 3 clause shall not be construed to prohibit hospitals, physicians,
- 4 dentists or veterinarians who are licensed and registered under
- 5 the laws of this Commonwealth from administering liquor in the
- 6 regular course of their professional work and taking into
- 7 account the cost of the liquor so administered in making charges
- 8 for their professional service, or a pharmacist duly licensed
- 9 and registered under the laws of this Commonwealth from
- 10 dispensing liquor on a prescription of a duly licensed
- 11 physician, dentist or veterinarian, or selling medical
- 12 preparations containing alcohol, or using liquor in compounding
- 13 prescriptions or medicines and making a charge for the liquor
- 14 used in such medicines, or a manufacturing pharmacist or chemist
- 15 from using liquor in manufacturing preparations unfit for
- 16 beverage purposes and making a charge for the liquor so used.
- 17 All such liquors so administered or sold by hospitals,
- 18 physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists or chemists
- 19 shall conform to the Pharmacopoeia of the United States, the
- 20 National Formulary, or the American Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia.
- 21 This clause shall not be construed to prohibit an executor or an
- 22 administrator of a decedent's estate from selling privately or
- 23 at public auction liquor which was an asset of the decedent.
- 24 This clause shall not be construed to prohibit the practice by a
- 25 bed and breakfast homestead or inn of providing one bottle of
- 26 wine to its paying guests at check-in while in an overnight
- 27 status so long as that wine is produced by a licensed limited
- 28 winery as provided for under section 505.2. For purposes of this
- 29 paragraph, a "bed and breakfast homestead or inn" shall mean a
- 30 private residence that contains ten or fewer bedrooms used for

- 1 providing overnight accommodations to the public and in which
- 2 breakfast is the only meal served and is included in the charge
- 3 for the room. This clause shall not be construed to prohibit the
- 4 practice of a business which is principally engaged in the sale
- 5 of gift baskets within this Commonwealth to sell a gift basket
- 6 containing nonliquor items and no more than one bottle of wine
- 7 which has been lawfully purchased from the board, so long as
- 8 that wine is produced by a licensed limited winery as provided
- 9 for under section 505.2 and provided that delivery of the gift
- 10 basket shall be by a licensed transporter for hire, which shall
- 11 keep records as required under section 512 pertaining to the
- 12 direct shipment of wine, and provided that the business complies
- 13 with the provisions of section 488 relative to requiring proof
- 14 of age and labeling advising that the package contains alcohol.
- 15 The board shall establish regulations to ensure that State taxes
- 16 from the sales will be paid by the estate from the proceeds of
- 17 the sale. The board may not prohibit a sale of liquor for the
- 18 reason that it was not lawfully acquired prior to January 1,
- 19 1934 or has not been purchased from a Pennsylvania Liquor Store
- 20 or in compliance with Pennsylvania law.
- 21 (1.1) (i) It shall not be a violation of clause (1) if a
- 22 person, not located on a licensed premises, operates a
- 23 <u>telephonic</u>, <u>web-based or other electronic ordering system used</u>
- 24 by the person to coordinate or facilitate orders and deliveries
- 25 of, and payment for, wine sold to a nonlicensee of the board, by
- 26 and for a restaurant or hotel licensee or liquor sold by the the
- 27 board. For the purpose of this subclause, "coordinate or
- 28 <u>facilitate" shall mean:</u>
- 29 (A) making visible to the general public or any portion or
- 30 segment of the general public, through digital or electronic

- 1 commerce, posting on publicly accessible Internet websites and
- 2 other means, wine inventories that are offered for sale by
- 3 <u>restaurant or hotel licensees or the board and spiritous liquors</u>
- 4 <u>offered for sale by the board, provided that the inventories of</u>
- 5 products, as well as the prices of the products, shall be
- 6 <u>established solely by participating and authorized licensees</u>
- 7 under this clause, and the board for retail sales by the board
- 8 through a coordinator or facilitator, and neither the available
- 9 <u>inventory nor prices shall be modified by the coordinator or</u>
- 10 <u>facilitator;</u>
- 11 (B) establishing or executing processes and methods for the
- 12 general public, or any portion or segment of the general public,
- 13 to place orders for wine or spirituous liquor products, as
- 14 permitted to be offered for sale by licensees or the board under
- 15 this act, through and with the assistance of the coordinator or
- 16 <u>facilitator</u>, who or which may be an independent contractor or
- 17 contractors;
- 18 (C) forwarding to or providing notice of orders for wine or
- 19 <u>liquor to participating and authorized licensees or the board</u>
- 20 that have been submitted to the coordinator or facilitator;
- 21 (D) on behalf of restaurant or hotel licensees and the
- 22 board, tracking, organizing, fulfilling or delivering wine or
- 23 liquor, for sale by licensees or the board as permitted under
- 24 this act, to nonlicensees; and
- 25 (E) on behalf of a restaurant and hotel licensees and the
- 26 board, billing nonlicensee purchasers for orders of wine and
- 27 <u>liquor and receiving payment from purchasers. The coordinator</u>
- 28 shall initiate transfer or transmission of the payments to the
- 29 <u>licensee or the board in full prior to removal of wine or liquor</u>
- 30 from licensee or board premises. A person engaged in

- 1 coordinating and facilitating sale transactions under this
- 2 <u>clause shall be referred to as a "coordinator." Multiple</u>
- 3 coordinators may provide services to a single or multiple
- 4 <u>restaurant and hotel licensees or the board, and the permitted</u>
- 5 <u>services may, for a single order or all orders, be delegated or</u>
- 6 divided between different coordinators according to factors,
- 7 <u>including</u>, but not limited to, geographical considerations, the
- 8 <u>specialized nature of the services provided by a particular</u>
- 9 coordinator and the type or volume of wine or spirituous liquor
- 10 being purchased. Delivery of wine or spirituous liquor under
- 11 this clause to a nonlicensee may be coordinated by an
- 12 <u>independent</u>, <u>licensed transporter for hire</u>, <u>who or which may be</u>
- 13 <u>an independent contractor or contractors</u>, or by the licensee or
- 14 the board, provided that if delivery is made by a licensee, the
- 15 <u>licensee holds a transporter for hire permit, deliveries under</u>
- 16 this clause shall only be made to recipients who are at least 21
- 17 years of age. The recipient's age shall be verified with an
- 18 approved form of identification, consistent with and as required
- 19 by section 495(a), and through the use of a portable ID scanning
- 20 device or similar technology prior to the recipient taking
- 21 possession of wine or liquor. Licensees engaging third-party
- 22 facilitators or coordinators under this clause may not share or
- 23 <u>sell sales data to the third parties, except data may be shared</u>
- 24 with the third parties to the extent necessary for the third
- 25 parties to perform services for licensees or the board. Wine and
- 26 spirituous liquor sold through orders taken by a coordinator for
- 27 <u>or on behalf of a licensee shall:</u>
- 28 (I) be lawfully obtained by the licensee; and
- 29 (II) come from inventory located on the licensee's premises.
- 30 A coordinator involved in transactions under this clause shall

- 1 <u>initiate the electronic transfer or transmission of the</u>
- 2 <u>purchaser's full payment for the purchase of wine or liquor to</u>
- 3 the licensee or the board prior to the removal of any wine or
- 4 <u>liquor from licensed premises or board premises for delivery to</u>
- 5 a nonlicensee. At all times the licensee or board shall be:
- 6 (a) solely responsible for establishing and maintaining
- 7 their own liquor inventory; and
- 8 (b) the actual seller of the liquor sold by the license or
- 9 <u>board to its customers. Licensees and the board are authorized</u>
- 10 to do all things and take all action themselves that
- 11 coordinators are authorized to do under this clause, subject to
- 12 the same conditions and as applicable to licensees or the board.
- 13 Nothing in this clause shall relieve a licensee from the
- 14 requirement to obtain and maintain in good standing a wine
- 15 <u>expanded permit for the sale of bottles of wine for off-premises</u>
- 16 consumption, whether the sales are made with or without the
- 17 assistance of a coordinator, nor shall anything contained in
- 18 this clause relieve a licensee from complying with the
- 19 requirements regarding sales made by the holder of a wine
- 20 expanded permit, including the responsible alcohol management
- 21 program certification requirements, except that on-premises
- 22 scanning or other examination of a purchaser's proof of age and
- 23 an on-premises submission of the purchase price shall not be
- 24 required where the purchaser has placed an advance order by a
- 25 web page or through other electronic commerce alternative by a
- 26 coordinator or by the licensee or board directly. In the event
- 27 that the board exercises its ability under this clause to use a
- 28 coordinator for orders and deliveries of wine or spirituous
- 29 liquors to nonlicensees, the board shall first promulgate
- 30 regulations establishing appropriate procedures.

- 1 (ii) A restaurant or hotel licensee, its agents or
- 2 employees, or a coordinator, who or which may be an independent
- 3 contractor or contractors, may, without the necessity of a party
- 4 <u>authorized under this clause holding a transporter for hire</u>
- 5 permit, carry to and place in vehicles of nonlicensee recipients
- 6 wine, or in the case of the board, wine and liquor, provided:
- 7 (A) that the nonlicensee recipient is located in a vehicle
- 8 <u>outdoors in an area in close proximity to the licensee's or</u>
- 9 board's premises;
- 10 (B) in an area designated by obvious signage for curbside
- 11 <u>deliveries;</u>
- 12 (C) the wine or liquor is lawfully purchased by a
- 13 <u>nonlicensee while the nonlicensee is either physically present</u>
- 14 and located on licensed or board premises when the order is
- 15 placed and paid for, or through an advance order placed and paid
- 16 for by a telephonic, web-based or other electronic ordering
- 17 system maintained by the licensee or board or a coordinator and
- 18 a nonlicensee recipient subsequently appears in person in a
- 19 vehicle at the licensee's or the board's designated curbside
- 20 pickup area to accept the placement into the person's vehicle of
- 21 the wine or liquor that was ordered and paid for earlier; and
- 22 (D) the person carrying the wine or liquor to the vehicle
- 23 for the transporter for hire permittee shall be at least 21
- 24 years of age, in accordance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 6308(a) (relating
- 25 to purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor
- 26 or malt or brewed beverages). Prior to placing wine or liquor in
- 27 <u>a vehicle, the licensee or board, or their employee, agent or</u>
- 28 coordinator, including independent contractors, shall verify by
- 29 <u>examination of authorized proof of age and the use of an</u>
- 30 electronic scan device or similar technology that the purchaser

- 1 <u>is at least 21 years of age. The purchaser's age may be verified</u>
- 2 <u>either in the licensee's or board's premises, or at the</u>
- 3 <u>licensee's or board's designated curbside delivery area. Nothing</u>
- 4 <u>in this section shall relieve a licensee from the requirement to</u>
- 5 <u>obtain and maintain in good standing a wine expanded permit for</u>
- 6 the sale of bottles of wine for off-premises consumption,
- 7 whether the sales are made with or without the assistance of a
- 8 coordinator, nor shall anything under this clause relieve a
- 9 licensee from complying with the requirements regarding sales
- 10 made by the holder of a wine expanded permit, except that on-
- 11 premises scanning or other examination of a purchaser's proof of
- 12 age and an on premises submission of the purchase price shall
- 13 <u>not be required where the purchaser has placed an advance order</u>
- 14 by a web page or through other electronic commerce alternative
- 15 by a coordinator or by the licensee or board directly.
- 16 * * *
- 17 Section 492. Unlawful Acts Relative to Malt or Brewed
- 18 Beverages and Licensees.--
- 19 It shall be unlawful--
- 20 * * *
- 21 (2) Sales of Malt or Brewed Beverages for Consumption on the
- 22 Premises. [For] Except as provided under clause (2.1), for any
- 23 person, to sell to another for consumption upon the premises
- 24 where sold or to permit another to consume upon the premises
- 25 where sold, any malt or brewed beverages, unless such person
- 26 holds a valid retail dispenser license or a valid liquor license
- 27 issued by the board authorizing the sale of malt or brewed
- 28 beverages for consumption upon such premises.
- 29 (2.1) It shall not be a violation of clause (2) if a person,
- 30 not located on licensed premises, operates a telephonic, web-

- 1 <u>based or other electronic ordering system by which the person</u>
- 2 <u>facilitates orders and deliveries of malt or brewed beverages on</u>
- 3 <u>behalf of a licensee. Delivery under this section may be made by</u>
- 4 <u>an independent contractor of the person and shall only be made</u>
- 5 to recipients who are at least 21 years of age. The recipient's
- 6 age shall be verified prior to the recipients taking possession
- 7 of the malt or brewed beverage. The person may provide
- 8 <u>telephonic</u>, <u>web-based or other electronic ordering system on</u>
- 9 <u>behalf of multiple licensees. Malt or brewed beverages sold</u>
- 10 through orders taken by the person: (i) shall be lawfully
- 11 obtained by the licensee, and (ii) shall come from inventory
- 12 <u>located on the licensee's premises. The person shall transfer or</u>
- 13 transmit the purchaser's payment for the purchase of malt or
- 14 brewed beverages prior to the licensee releasing the malt or
- 15 brewed beverages for delivery, and the licensee shall be
- 16 considered the seller of the malt or brewed beverages. A
- 17 licensee, its agents and employees, may deliver and carry to the
- 18 vehicles of the licensee's customers, located outdoors in an
- 19 area immediately adjacent to and designated for the deliveries,
- 20 alcohol lawfully purchased by the customer while the customer is
- 21 either physically present and located on the licensed premises
- 22 or places its order via a telephonic, web-based or other
- 23 electronic ordering system. A licensee shall verify the age of
- 24 the recipient prior to placing any alcoholic beverage in the
- 25 recipient's vehicle.
- 26 (3) Sales of Malt or Brewed Beverages Not for Consumption on
- 27 the Premises. [For] Except as provided under clause (3.1), for
- 28 any person, to sell to another any malt or brewed beverages not
- 29 for consumption upon the premises where sold, unless such person
- 30 holds a valid license permitting such sale.

- 1 (3.1) (i) It shall not be a violation of any provision of
- 2 this act if a person not located on the licensed premises,
- 3 operates a telephonic, web-based or other electronic ordering
- 4 system by which the person coordinates and facilitates orders
- 5 <u>and deliveries of malt or brewed beverages on behalf of a</u>
- 6 restaurant, hotel or eating place licensee or an importing
- 7 <u>distributor or distributor licensee to nonlicensees of the</u>
- 8 board. For the purpose of this section, "coordinate or
- 9 facilitate" shall mean:
- 10 (A) making visible to the general public or any portion or
- 11 segment of the general public, through digital or electronic
- 12 commerce, by posting on publicly accessible Internet websites
- 13 and other means, the malt or brewed beverages offered for sale
- 14 by a restaurant, hotel or eating place licensee or importing
- 15 <u>distributor or distributor licensees</u>, as well as the prices of
- 16 the products, provided that the prices are established solely by
- 17 the restaurant, hotel or eating place licensee or importing
- 18 distributor or distributor licensee for sale by the same, with
- 19 the assistance or through a coordinator or facilitator, and that
- 20 the prices and availability of malt or brewed beverages to be
- 21 sold shall not be modified by the coordinator or facilitator;
- 22 (B) establishing and executing processes and methods to be
- 23 <u>used by the general public, or any portion or segment of the</u>
- 24 general public, to place orders for malt or brewed products
- 25 offered for sale by restaurant, hotel or eating place licensees
- 26 or importing distributor or distributor licensees, with and
- 27 through the coordinator or facilitator;
- 28 (C) forwarding to or providing notice of orders for malt or
- 29 brewed beverages to restaurant, hotel or eating place licensees
- 30 or importing distributor or distributor licensees that have been

- 1 submitted to the coordinator or facilitator for the permitted
- 2 licensees and the board;
- 3 (D) on behalf of restaurant, hotel or eating place licensees
- 4 or importing distributor or distributor licensees tracking,
- 5 organizing, fulfilling or delivering malt or brewed beverages to
- 6 <u>nonlicensees licensees; and</u>
- 7 (E) on behalf of restaurant, hotel or eating place licensees
- 8 or importing distributor or distributor licensees, billing
- 9 <u>nonlicensee purchasers for orders of malt or brewed beverages</u>
- 10 that nonlicensees have submitted, and collecting or assisting
- 11 with receipt of payments from purchasers. The coordinator shall
- 12 <u>initiate the transfer or transmission of the payment to the</u>
- 13 <u>restaurant</u>, hotel or eating place licensee or importing
- 14 distributor or distributor licensee in full prior to removal of
- 15 the malt or brewed beverages from licensed premises. Multiple
- 16 coordinators may provide services to a single restaurant, hotel
- 17 or eating place licensee or importing distributor or distributor
- 18 licensee and the permitted services may, for a single order or
- 19 all orders, be delegated or divided between different
- 20 coordinators or facilitators according to factors, including,
- 21 but not limited to, geographical considerations, the specialized
- 22 nature of the services provided by a particular coordinator or
- 23 facilitator and the type or volume of malt or brewed beverages
- 24 being purchased. A person engaged in coordinating and
- 25 <u>facilitating transactions under this clause shall be referred to</u>
- 26 as a "coordinator," who or which may be an independent
- 27 <u>contractor or contractors. Delivery to nonlicensees under this</u>
- 28 clause may be made by the restaurant, hotel or eating place
- 29 licensee, importing distributor or distributor licensee, or a
- 30 coordinator or other independent contractor or contractors of

- 1 the licensee, provided that any party other than an importing
- 2 distributor or distributor that delivers the malt or brewed
- 3 beverages must hold a transporter for hire license. Distributor
- 4 <u>or importing distributor licensees may also make deliveries on</u>
- 5 their own. No deliveries shall be made unless the recipient has
- 6 <u>verified that the recipient is at least 21 years of age. The</u>
- 7 <u>recipient's age shall be verified by the presentation of an</u>
- 8 <u>authorized form of identification</u>, consistent with forms of
- 9 <u>identification permitted in this act, and through the use of an</u>
- 10 electronic scanning device or similar technology prior to the
- 11 recipient taking possession of the malt or brewed beverages. A
- 12 <u>coordinator may provide telephonic</u>, <u>web-based or other</u>
- 13 <u>electronic ordering and payment systems and deliveries on behalf</u>
- 14 of multiple restaurant, hotel or eating place licensees or
- 15 importing distributor and distributor licensees. Malt and brewed
- 16 <u>beverages sold through orders taken by a coordinator shall:</u>
- 17 (I) be lawfully obtained by the restaurant, hotel or eating
- 18 place licensee or importing distributor or distributor licensee;
- 19 and
- 20 (II) come only from inventory located on the licensed
- 21 premises of the restaurant, hotel or eating place licensee or
- 22 importing distributor or distributor licensee making the sale. A
- 23 coordinator involved in transactions under this clause shall
- 24 initiate the transfer or transmission to the restaurant, hotel
- 25 or eating place licensee or importing distributor or distributor
- 26 the purchaser's full payment for the purchase of malt or brewed
- 27 <u>beverages prior to the malt or brewed beverages being removed</u>
- 28 from the seller's licensed premises for delivery. The
- 29 restaurant, hotel or eating place licensee or importing
- 30 distributor or distributor that is providing the malt or brewed

- 1 beverages to the consumer shall be the actual seller of the malt
- 2 or brewed beverages. Licensees are authorized to do all things
- 3 and take all actions themselves that coordinators are authorized
- 4 to do under this clause, subject to the same conditions, as
- 5 <u>applicable to licensees.</u>
- 6 (ii) Without the necessity of the possession of a
- 7 transporter for hire permit, a restaurant, hotel or eating place
- 8 <u>licensee</u>, their agents and employees, may carry and place malt
- 9 <u>or brewed beverages to and in the vehicles of nonlicensees,</u>
- 10 provided:
- 11 (A) that the nonlicensee's vehicle is located outdoors in an
- 12 <u>area in close proximity to the licensed premises;</u>
- 13 (B) in an area designated by obvious signage for the
- 14 deliveries;
- 15 (C) the malt or brewed beverages are lawfully purchased
- 16 while the nonlicensee is either physically present and located
- 17 on the licensed premises when the order is placed and paid for,
- 18 or through an advance order placed and paid for by a telephonic,
- 19 web-based or other electronic ordering system and payment for an
- 20 <u>order placed in advance may also be made contemporaneously with</u>
- 21 a nonlicensed recipient receiving the order of the products at
- 22 the licensee's designated curbside area, provided that importing
- 23 distributors and distributors may deliver malt or brewed
- 24 beverages to the vehicles without the necessity of maintaining a
- 25 designated curbside pickup area; and
- 26 (D) the person carrying the malt or brewed beverages to the
- 27 <u>vehicle for the transporter for hire permittee shall be at least</u>
- 28 21 years of age, consistent with 18 Pa.C.S. § 6308(a) (relating
- 29 to purchase, consumption, possession or transportation of liquor
- 30 or malt or brewed beverages). Prior to placing any malt or

- 1 brewed beverage in the vehicle, the restaurant, hotel or eating
- 2 place licensee or importing distributor or distributor licensee
- 3 <u>or coordinator, including independent contractors, shall verify</u>
- 4 by examination of authorized proof of age and the use of an
- 5 electronic scan device or similar technology that the purchaser
- 6 <u>is at least 21 years of age. The purchaser's age may be verified</u>
- 7 either in the licensee's premises, or at the licensee's
- 8 <u>designated curbside delivery area.</u>
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- 10 Section 3. Section 502 of the act is amended to read:
- 11 Section 502. Exemptions. -- (a) No license hereunder shall be
- 12 required from any registered pharmacist; or a physician licensed
- 13 by the State Board of Medicine; or any person who makes and
- 14 sells vinegar, nonalcoholic cider and fruit juices; or any
- 15 person who manufactures, stores, sells or transports methanol,
- 16 propanol, butanol and amanol; or any person who conducts a
- 17 wholesale drug business; or any person who manufactures
- 18 alcoholic preparations not fit for use as a beverage, other than
- 19 denatured alcohol or for beverage purposes; any person engaged
- 20 in the manufacture; possession or sale of patent, patented or
- 21 proprietary medicines, toilet, medicinal or antiseptic
- 22 preparations unfit for beverage purposes, or solutions or
- 23 flavoring extracts or syrups unfit for beverage purposes; or any
- 24 person who manufactures or sells paints, varnishes, enamels,
- 25 lacquers, stains or paint, or varnish removing or reducing
- 26 compounds, or wood fillers; or any person who manufactures any
- 27 substance where the alcohol or any liquor is changed into other
- 28 chemical substances and does not appear in the finished product
- 29 as alcohol or liquor; or any common carrier by railroad which is
- 30 subject to regulation by the Pennsylvania Public Utility

- 1 Commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or scheduled
- 2 common carriers by air of mail and passengers; or any person who
- 3 sells, stores or transports alcohol or liquor completely
- 4 denatured, as specified by the board; or any person licensed
- 5 under Article IV for malt and brewed beverages who manufactures,
- 6 distills or otherwise produces alcohol as a byproduct of the
- 7 manufacture of any reduced alcohol or nonalcohol malt or brewed
- 8 beverage if the byproduct is not intended nor used as a beverage
- 9 for human consumption except as part of the malt or brewed
- 10 beverage.
- 11 (b) In addition to any other privilege under this act,
- 12 <u>a transporter for hire permittee or an independent contractor</u>
- 13 the transporter for hire permittee, may, on behalf of the board
- 14 and any licensee of the board who is authorized to sell liquor
- 15 or malt or brewed beverages to nonlicensees of the
- 16 board, deliver liquor and malt or brewed beverages to
- 17 nonlicensees, provided that the liquor and malt or brewed
- 18 beverages originate from the licensee's licensed premises or
- 19 board's premises, and are sold by the licensees or board by a
- 20 telephonic, web-based or other electronic ordering system
- 21 maintained and operated by the licensee or a third party who has
- 22 contracted with the licensee or board to coordinate sales by a
- 23 telephonic, web-based or other electronic ordering system, or by
- 24 direct arrangement with the selling licensee or the board. Sales
- 25 under this subsection shall not be subject to section 415(a)(4),
- 26 (8) or (9), if, on behalf of the licensee, the transporter for
- 27 <u>hire permittee</u>, or independent contractor of the transporter for
- 28 hire permittee, verifies the recipient's age at the time of
- 29 delivery, by a transaction scan device or similar technology.
- 30 The licensee of the board which is the authorized source of the

- 1 <u>liquor or malt or brewed beverages</u>, or the board for sales by
- 2 the board, shall be the actual seller of the liquor or malt or
- 3 brewed beverages delivered by a transporter for hire or its_
- 4 <u>independent contractor for a licensee or board. Any transporter</u>
- 5 for hire delivering liquor or malt or brewed beverages under
- 6 this subsection for any permitted licensee or the board shall
- 7 maintain records of all transactions consistent with section
- 8 <u>512.</u>
- 9 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.