

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1157 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN, MARCH 29, 2022

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MARCH 29, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An
 2 act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and
 3 brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and
 4 changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and
 5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession,
 6 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding
 7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic
 8 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the
 9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing
 11 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores,
 12 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective
 13 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain
 14 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure
 15 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures;
 16 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in
 17 licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and
 18 brewed beverages, further providing for local option.

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

21 Section 1. Section 472 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90,
 22 No.21), known as the Liquor Code, is amended by adding a
 23 subsection to read:

24 Section 472. Local Option.--* * *

25 (e.2) (1) In addition to any other ballot question provided
 26 for under this section, the following question may be placed on

1 the ballot in a township of the second class within a county of
2 the sixth class:

3 Do you favor the granting of liquor licenses for the
4 sale of liquor in the _____ ward in _____ Yes
5 of _____ ? No

6 (2) The procedure for placing the question on the ballot
7 shall be identical to the procedure used for the other ballot
8 question regarding the granting of liquor licenses under this
9 section, except that the electors shall be from the ward
10 referenced in the ballot question. The consequences for a "yes"
11 or "no" vote on the ballot question shall be identical to the
12 consequences of a "yes" or "no" vote on the other ballot
13 question regarding the granting of liquor licenses under this
14 section, except that the consequences shall only be applicable
15 within the named ward.

16 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the electors
17 of a township of the second class within a county of the sixth
18 class from voting on a ballot question regarding the granting of
19 liquor licenses for the entire township rather than a particular
20 ward within the township.

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