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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

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PA HB 2272



URGENT

The PA Conference of Teamsters is asking all Affiliates to contact their PA State Representatives on Monday, January 24, 2022 and tell them to oppose PA House Bill 2272. If approved, this bill would prevent the Commonwealth from selling any alcohol at wholesale or retail

On Friday, January 21, 2022 HB 2272 was introduced and referred to House Liquor Control. ***The Committee is having a public hearing on it this Monday January 24, 2022***

It is a **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** which, if approved, would prevent the Commonwealth from selling any alcohol at wholesale or retail eighteen months after adoption. In other words, a **PRIVATIZATION** effort intended to work around the Governor and the fact that they can't get 102/26 in the Legislature despite having Republican majorities in both chambers.

Essentially, they would put a gun to the head of a future Legislature/Governor and force a rewriting of the Liquor Code within 18 months.

Absent that, out of state spirits would not be available and there would be issues for wines. Presumably an untenable result.

Of course, a major rewriting of the Code almost certainly means beer provisions, etc. will be changed too.

The witnesses seem to be the LCB (which has to be agnostic), the UFCW, and 5 groups in support of it (DISCUS, another spirits group, Food Merchants, Restaurants, and PA Chamber).

The concern is that rather than having additional hearings as they did with past privatization efforts; they will try to move it quickly and say that all the witnesses (aside for the evil unions) supported it.

PA House Bill 2272 Attached



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2272 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY MIHALEK, BERNSTINE, COOK, DUNBAR, ECKER, GAYDOS,
HAMM, JONES, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, MAJOR, MENTZER, MERCURI,
METZGAR, MUSTELLO, O'NEAL, ORTITAY, RIGBY, ROTHMAN, ROWE,
RYAN, SANKEY, SAYLOR, SMITH, STAATS, TOPPER AND WARNER,
JANUARY 21, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIQUOR CONTROL, JANUARY 21, 2022

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the Commonwealth from
3 manufacturing or selling liquor.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That Article III be amended by adding a subdivision to read:

9 F. LIQUOR

10 § 33. Manufacture and sale of liquor by the Commonwealth
11 prohibited.

12 The Commonwealth shall not manufacture or sell, at wholesale
13 or retail, liquor.

14 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
15 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
16 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

1 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
3 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
4 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
5 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

6 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
7 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
8 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
9 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
11 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
12 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
13 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
14 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
15 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
16 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
17 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
19 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
20 passed by the General Assembly.

21 Section 3. The addition of section 33 of Article III of the
22 Constitution of Pennsylvania shall become effective 18 months
23 following approval of section 33 of Article III by the
24 electorate.