

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FILE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. **931** Session of
1919.

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MARCH 18, 1919.

AN ACT

Providing for the refunding of liquor license fees and additional taxes to wholesale and retail dealers brewers distillers rectifiers compounders bottlers agents and other persons prevented from engaging in business by order or regulation of the President or Secretary of War providing for the return of the proportions thereof paid to municipalities and the Commonwealth and making an appropriation

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*
4 *whenever any wholesale or retail dealer brewer distiller*
5 *rectifier compounder bottler agent or other person licensed*
6 *under the laws of this Commonwealth to manufacture or*
7 *deal in or sell at wholesale or retail any vinous spiritu-*
8 *out malt or brewed liquors or any admixture thereof*
9 *has been heretofore or shall hereafter be prevented from*
10 *engaging in such business by order or regulation of the*

1 President of the United States or the Secretary of War
2 for the United States issued under authority of an act
3 of Congress such wholesale or retail dealer brewer distiller
4 rectifier compounder bottler agent or other person shall be
5 reimbursed for a proportionate amount of the license fee and
6 additional tax paid for the privilege of engaging in such
7 business during the time when such order or regulation
8 shall have been enforced

9 Section 2 Any person copartnership association or cor-
10 poration so licensed who or which has been prevented
11 from engaging in business under any such order or reg-
12 ulation may file his or its petition in the court of
13 quarter sessions of the proper county setting forth the
14 facts and specifying the time during which he or it was
15 prevented from engaging in the business for which licensed
16 which petition shall be verified by affidavit After a full
17 investigation of the matter if the court finds that such
18 person copartnership association or corporation was prevented
19 from engaging in such business it shall make an order
20 upon the county treasurer directing him to pay from the
21 county treasury as a refund of the license fee and ad-
22 ditional tax therefore paid an amount sufficient to reim-
23 burse such person copartnership association or corporation
24 for the period during which he or it was prevented
25 from engaging in business under such license and shall
26 also in such order determine the proportion of such re-
27 fund which has been paid into the treasuries of the
28 several municipalities and the portion of such amount
29 which has been paid into the treasury of the Common-

1 wealth and shall make an order upon the respecti
2 municipality and upon the State Treasurer to return to
3 the county treasury such amount

4 Section 3 For the purpose of refunding from the
5 State Treasury amounts necessary to reimburse the county
6 treasuries hereunder the sum of fifty thousand dollars or
7 so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby specific-
8 ally appropriated Payments from said appropriation shall
9 be made by warrant of the Auditor General on the
10 State Treasurer