

No. 1982-24

AN ACT

SB 484

Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession, consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores, for the payment of certain license fees to the respective municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures; providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," removing certain restrictions relating to sales on election days.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 406, act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the "Liquor Code," amended December 12, 1980 (P.L.1195, No.221), is amended to read:

Section 406. Sales by Liquor Licensees; Restrictions.—(a) Every hotel, restaurant or club liquor licensee may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages by the glass, open bottle or other container, and in any mixture, for consumption only in that part of the hotel or restaurant habitually used for the serving of food to guests or patrons, or in a bowling alley that is immediately adjacent to and under the same roof as a restaurant when no minors are present in the bowling alley, and in the case of hotels, to guests, and in the case of clubs, to members, in their private rooms in the hotel or club. No club licensee nor its officers, servants, agents or employes, other than one holding a catering license, shall sell any liquor or malt or brewed beverages to any person except a member of the club. In the case of a restaurant located in a hotel which is not operated by the owner of the hotel and which is licensed to sell liquor under this act, liquor and malt or brewed beverages may be sold for consumption in that part of the restaurant habitually used for the serving of meals to patrons and also to guests in private guest rooms in the hotel. For the purpose of this paragraph, any person who is an active member of another club which is chartered by the same state or national organization shall have the same rights and privileges as members of the particular club. For the purpose of this paragraph, any person who is an active member of any volunteer firefighting company, association or group of this Commonwealth, whether incorporated or unincorporated, shall upon the approval of any club composed of volunteer firemen licensed under this act, have the same social rights and privileges as members of

such licensed club. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "active member" shall not include a social member.

Hotel and restaurant liquor licensees, airport restaurant liquor licensees and municipal golf course restaurant liquor licensees may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages only after seven o'clock antemeridian of any day until two o'clock antemeridian of the following day, except Sunday, and except as hereinafter provided, may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages on Sunday between the hours of twelve o'clock midnight and two o'clock antemeridian.

Hotel and restaurant liquor licensees, airport restaurant liquor licensees and municipal golf course restaurant liquor licensees whose sales of food and nonalcoholic beverages are equal to forty per centum or more of the combined gross sales of both food and alcoholic beverages may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages on Sunday between the hours of one o'clock postmeridian and two o'clock antemeridian Monday upon purchase of a special annual permit from the board at a fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year, which shall be in addition to any other license fees.

Hotel and restaurant liquor licensees, airport restaurant liquor licensees and municipal golf course restaurant liquor licensees which do not qualify for and purchase such annual special permit, their servants, agents or employes may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages only after seven o'clock antemeridian of any day and until two o'clock antemeridian of the following day, and shall not sell after two o'clock antemeridian on Sunday. No hotel, restaurant and public service liquor licensee *which does not have the special annual permit for Sunday sales* shall sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages after two o'clock antemeridian on any day on which a general, municipal, special or primary election is being held until one hour after the time fixed by law for closing the polls, except, that, in the case of a special election for members of the General Assembly or members of the Congress of the United States, when such special election is held on other than a primary, municipal or general election day, licensees in those Legislative or Congressional Districts may make such sales, as though the day were not a special election day. No club licensee or its servants, agents or employes may sell liquor or malt or brewed beverages between the hours of three o'clock antemeridian and seven o'clock antemeridian on any day. No public service liquor licensee or its servants, agents, or employes may sell liquor or malt or brewed beverages between the hours of two o'clock antemeridian and seven o'clock antemeridian on any day.

Any hotel, restaurant, club or public service liquor licensee may, by giving notice to the board, advance by one hour the hours herein prescribed as those during which liquor and malt or brewed beverages may be sold during such part of the year when daylight saving time is being observed generally in the municipality in which the place of business of such licensee is located. Any licensee who elects to operate his place of business in accordance with daylight saving time shall post a conspicuous

notice in his place of business that he is operating in accordance with daylight saving time.

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, whenever the thirty-first day of December falls on a Sunday, every hotel or restaurant liquor licensee, their servants, agents or employes may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages on any such day after one o'clock postmeridian and until two o'clock antemeridian of the following day.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 18th day of February, A. D. 1982.

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