



VIEW FROM THE BAR *by Marc Reisman, Esq.*

FEBRUARY BRINGS A BEVY OF (LEGISLATIVE) BILLS

A number of bills proposing revisions to the Liquor Code were introduced in the State House of Representatives in the early days of February. Here are summaries of a few of them:

- House Bill 140: Would change the licensee discount at State Liquor Stores from 10% to 18%.
- Houses Bill 79: Would prohibit all liquor licensees from advertising on any type of state-funded public transit.
- House Bill 81: Would allow minors between the age of 18 and 21 employed at licensed premises to either serve or dispense alcoholic beverages, but not do so concurrently.
- House Bill 115: Would require a person whom a licensee desires to be approved by the PLCB as manager to undergo manager /owner training in the nature of the Board's Responsible Alcohol Management Program.
- House Bill 186: Would create an out-of-state wine shipper's license that would allow the licensee to ship up to 24 bottles of wine per month to Pennsylvania residents at least 21 years of age.
- House Bill 129: Reflecting an ordinance passed in the City of Pittsburgh, would require all applications for issuances, transfers or extensions of hotel, restaurant or club liquor license to be subject to municipal approval in the event the licenses is in an area in which a "maximum saturation ratio" has been established by the municipality.



- House Bill 74: Would prohibit any licensee from accepting either an electronic public assistance benefits card or a debit card issued in payment of support benefits to pay for alcoholic beverages or gift cards/certificates for them.

And last, but certainly not least, a bill that would apply only to Allegheny County, but on a subject on

which Governor Rendell recently weighed in favorably:

- House Bill 258: Would legalize and license video poker in establishments with liquor licenses in 2nd Class Counties (i.e, Allegheny County).

If you would like a copy of any of these bills, please contact me. Happy legislating!

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