



VIEW FROM THE BAR

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Food Requirement for Sunday Sales of Alcoholic Beverages Eliminated

All restaurant and hotel liquor and malt and brewed beverage licensees, except those in the City of Philadelphia, should be aware that on July 6, 2005, Governor Rendell signed in to law Act 309 of 2005, which drops the requirement that licensees have at least 30% food and non-alcoholic beverage sales in order to be able to serve alcoholic beverages on Sundays. Sales may not begin until 11:00 a.m. Please note that an application and filing fee are still required. The change is effective immediately.

The 30% food and non-alcoholic beverage requirement has been retained for the City of Philadelphia.

- The Pennsylvania State Store licensee discount will be increased from 7% to 10%, effective September 4, 2005.
- Upon purchase of a special permit, beer distributors will be allowed to sell to the general public on Sundays between the hours of noon and 5 p.m., effective September 4, 2005. Delivery times on Sundays and Monday through Saturday permissible hours of operation have also been modified.

These are just some of the changes contained in Act 39. Please call my office if you would like a complete copy of the Act.

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