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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN, SANCHEZ, PIELLI, HILL-EVANS AND HARKINS,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JANUARY 10, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the licensing of eligible  
3 organizations to conduct games of chance, for the licensing  
4 of persons to distribute games of chance, for the  
5 registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for  
6 suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits;  
7 requiring records; providing for local referendum by  
8 electorate; and prescribing penalties," in tavern gaming,  
9 further providing for definitions.

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

12 Section 1. The definitions of "restaurant licensee" and  
13 "tavern" in section 902 of the act of December 19, 1988  
14 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of  
15 Chance Act, are amended and the section is amended by adding a  
16 definition to read:

17 Section 902. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Restaurant licensee." A for-profit hotel, restaurant,  
2 privately owned public golf course, brewpub [or], microbrewery  
3 or winery licensed to sell liquor under the act of April 12,  
4 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code. The term does  
5 not include any of the following:

6 (1) A grocery store.

7 (2) A premises where the sale of liquid fuels or oil is  
8 conducted.

9 (3) A winery that holds a license other than a limited  
10 winery license.

11 "Tavern." A for-profit hotel, restaurant, privately owned  
12 public golf course or brewpub [or], microbrewery or winery with  
13 a valid license to sell liquor, malt or brewed beverages under  
14 the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor  
15 Code. The term does not include any of the following:

16 (1) A grocery store.

17 (2) A restaurant where the sale of liquid fuels or oil  
18 is conducted.

19 (3) A hotel or restaurant whose place of business is  
20 located in a licensed facility as defined in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1103  
21 (relating to definitions).

22 (4) A business on the grounds of a facility where a  
23 Major League sports team conducts games or races.

24 (5) A winery that holds a license other than a limited  
25 winery license.

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27 "Winery." The term shall mean the same as under section 102  
28 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the  
29 Liquor Code.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.