

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL**No. 588** Session of
2015

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HUGHES, BLAKE AND TEPLITZ, MARCH 2, 2015

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, MARCH 19, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), entitled, as
2 reenacted, "An act relating to alcoholic liquors, alcohol and
3 malt and brewed beverages; amending, revising, consolidating
4 and changing the laws relating thereto; regulating and
5 restricting the manufacture, purchase, sale, possession,
6 consumption, importation, transportation, furnishing, holding
7 in bond, holding in storage, traffic in and use of alcoholic
8 liquors, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages and the
9 persons engaged or employed therein; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; providing
11 for the establishment and operation of State liquor stores,
12 for the payment of certain license fees to the respective
13 municipalities and townships, for the abatement of certain
14 nuisances and, in certain cases, for search and seizure
15 without warrant; prescribing penalties and forfeitures;
16 providing for local option, and repealing existing laws," in
17 preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions;
18 and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt
19 and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts
20 relative to liquor, alcohol and liquor licensees.

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

23 Section 1. The definitions of "alcohol," "denatured alcohol"
24 and "liquor" in section 102 of the act of April 12, 1951
25 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, reenacted and amended
26 June 29, 1987 (P.L.32, No.14), are amended and the section is

1 amended by adding a definition to read:

2 Section 102. Definitions.--The following words or phrases,
3 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, shall have the
4 meanings ascribed to them in this section:

5 "Alcohol" shall mean ethyl alcohol of any degree of proof
6 originally produced by the distillation of any fermented liquid,
7 whether rectified or diluted with or without water, whatever may
8 be the origin thereof, and shall include powdered alcohol and ◀
9 synthetic ethyl alcohol, but shall not mean or include ethyl
10 alcohol, whether or not diluted, that has been denatured or
11 otherwise rendered unfit for beverage purposes.

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13 "Denatured alcohol" shall mean and include all alcohol or any
14 compound thereof which by the admixture of such denaturing
15 material or materials is rendered unfit for use as a beverage.
16 The term shall not include powdered alcohol. ◀

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18 "Liquor" shall mean and include any alcoholic, spirituous,
19 vinous, fermented or other alcoholic beverage, powdered alcohol, ◀
20 or combination of liquors and mixed liquor a part of which is
21 spirituous, vinous, fermented or otherwise alcoholic, including
22 all drinks or drinkable liquids, preparations or mixtures, and
23 reused, recovered or redistilled denatured alcohol usable or
24 taxable for beverage purposes which contain more than one-half
25 of one per cent of alcohol by volume, except pure ethyl alcohol
26 and malt or brewed beverages.

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28 "Powdered alcohol" shall mean alcohol sold in a powder form
29 for either direct use or reconstitution.

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1 Section 2. Section 491 of the act is amended by adding a
2 paragraph to read:

3 Section 491. Unlawful Acts Relative to Liquor, Alcohol and
4 Liquor Licensees.--

5 It shall be unlawful--

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7 (15) Possession or sale of powdered alcohol. For any person
8 to possess, purchase, sell, offer to sell or use powdered
9 alcohol, but this paragraph shall not apply to a hospital that
10 operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific
11 research, a State institution conducting bona fide research, a
12 private college or university conducting bona fide research or a
13 pharmaceutical company conducting bona fide research.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.