

Liquor Control Board State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) acts to responsibly sell wine and spirits as a retailer and wholesaler, regulate Pennsylvania's alcohol industry, promote alcohol education and social responsibility and maximize financial returns for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians. The PLCB regulates the manufacture, importation, sale, distribution and disposition of liquor, alcohol and malt or brewed beverages in the commonwealth. The agency issues licenses to private individuals or entities that wish to engage in wholesale operations of beer, either as an importing distributor or as a distributor. The agency is responsible for wholesale operations of wine and spirits, which licensees may pick up from state-operated Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores or licensee service centers, or have wine and spirits delivered from PLCB distribution centers. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board comprises three members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by a two-thirds vote in the State Senate. No more than two board members may be from the same political party as the Governor. Members are appointed to staggered four-year terms. Actions and orders of the Board require the approval of at least two members. The Board appoints an Executive Director.

The publications of the Liquor Control Board contain annual reports, financial reports, and other reports. Selected topics from these publications include high-risk drinking, malt and brewed beverage sales, and state stores. The bulk of the current material is dated from 2013 to present.

Biographical / Historical

The Liquor Control Board was created on Dec. 1, 1933, in anticipation of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. The agency was responsible for setting up a system of state-run stores to sell wine and spirits, for issuing liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants, and clubs, and finally enforcing the laws and regulations concerning the sale and trafficking of alcohol in the state. On January 2, 1934, the first 63 state stores and five warehouses opened for business. In 1987, the legislature passed a law transferring the enforcement of the Liquor Code from the PLCB to the Pennsylvania State Police where it remains today. In 2016, the most comprehensive changes to Pennsylvania's Liquor Code since Prohibition were signed into law, changing the beverage alcohol landscape in Pennsylvania. Among the most significant changes brought about by Act 39 of 2016 were direct shipping of wine to residents; wine-to-go sales at restaurant and hotel licensees, including grocery, convenience, and mass merchant retailers; Pennsylvania Lottery sales and expanded Sunday and holiday hours at Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores; and new marketing opportunities.

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Liquor Control Board at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class101>.

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