

PRLA Endorsed Recovery Bills

The following bills have been or will be filed that specifically address priorities listed by PRLA. This list is not inclusive of all bills that would help the industry.

GENERAL INDUSTRY RECOVERY ITEMS



Allow restaurants and venues to operate at 50 percent capacity indoors and/or socially distanced.

- HB 2513 (Everett—R, Lycoming) allows restaurants to operate at 50 percent capacity.
- Co-sponsorship memo circulated (Stefano—R, Fayette) that allows restaurants to operate with social distancing and barriers being implemented.
- Co-sponsorship memo circulated (Dowling—R, Fayette) that allows events to be held at 50 percent capacity.

Provide liability protection to businesses that follow all emergency order safety requirements.

- SB 1239 (Baker—R, Luzerne)—provides liability protection to businesses that meet the safety standards established related to COVID-19.

Create a \$250 million grant program for restaurants. Eligible applicants can receive up to \$50,000.

- HB 2615 (Stephens—R, Montgomery): permits restaurants that have less than 10 locations under the same brand name and have lost more than 50 percent of revenue between March 31 and June 1, 2020, compared to the same period in 2019 receive a grant of up to \$50,000 per location.

Create additional interest free loan options for the hospitality industry.

- To be introduced (Peifer—R, Pike)—creates a zero interest loan program up to \$100,000 for restaurants.

Eliminate late fees/penalties for delayed sales tax payments and allow restaurants to pay off delinquent accounts by 12/31/2020.

- HB 2753 (Masser—R, Northumberland)—allows sales tax collected between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 to be paid by December 21, 2020 without penalty.

Prohibit foreclosure and eviction of commercial tenants during the course of the emergency declaration and 90 days thereafter.

- SB 1116 (Killion—R, Delaware)—puts a moratorium on any foreclosure, eviction or assessment of fees on commercial tenants during the COVID emergency and 90 days thereafter.

LICENSEE-SPECIFIC RECOVERY ITEMS



Eliminate all license renewal fees for one year.

- HB 2783 (Mullery—D, Luzerne) provides relief for any payment of renewal and permit fees for 2021 if a licensee lost more than 25 percent of revenue because of COVID-19. If a licensee paid their fee already, the fee shall be applied to the next period.
- Co-sponsorship memo circulated (Stefano—R, Fayette) that will waive all license renewal and permit fees that are paid by restaurants and taverns for one year from the date of implementation.

Eliminate safekeeping fees for one year.

- HB 2765 (Kulik—D, Allegheny) provides all licensees a year of relief from paying safekeeping fees.

Increase the licensee discount to help preserve cash flow when licensees are purchasing products from the PLCB.

- HB 2671 (Isaacson—D, Philadelphia) increases the licensee discount from 10 to 15 percent for one year beginning on January 1, 2021.

Allow licensees to deliver wine and mixed drinks, just as they are able to deliver malt and brewed beverages currently.

- To be introduced (Masser—R, Northumberland) will permit wine and mixed drinks to be delivered to a customer as long as the licensee obtains a transporter-for-hire license.

Allow licensees to expand their licensed premise outdoors to non-contiguous areas within a certain distance of the licensee. OR, eliminate the \$500 off-premise catering permit and current cap on hours/events for an off-premise catering permit during the declared state of emergency.

- HB 2775 (Deasy—D, Allegheny) allows a licensee to extend their premise to a non-contiguous area as long as it is within 1,000 feet of the existing premise during the COVID emergency.
- HB 2774 (McCarter—D, Montgomery) eliminates the 52 day cap for off-premise catering permits, eliminates the application fee, and eliminates the 5 hour cap on events during the COVID emergency.
- Co-sponsorship memo circulated (Stefano—R, Fayette) to permit a licensee to extend their premise to a non-contiguous area as long as it is within 250 feet of the existing premise.