

PLCB Tavern Gaming License

December 30, 2013

Dear Licensee,

Since Gov. Tom Corbett signed Act 90 of 2013 into law on November 27, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), Gaming Control Board (PGCB), Department of Revenue (Revenue) and State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE) have been developing the application process for licensing tavern games – that is, tavern raffles for a charitable or public purpose, pull-tab games and daily drawings.

Under the new law, retail alcohol beverage licensees may be eligible to apply for the Tavern Gaming License with the exception of:

- Eating Place Retail Dispenser Licenses (“E” license type)
- Club and Catering Club Licenses (“C”, “CC” and “O” license types)
- Grocery Stores (Most hold an “R” license type)
- Casinos (Most hold an “R” license type)
- Venues that hold a professional sporting events

Applications will be available at www.lcb.state.pa.us beginning on January 27, 2014.

Because this is a new and complex process, the PLCB and partner agencies will hold joint informational sessions at seven locations across the commonwealth prior to the January 27, 2014, application date.

All of the sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. The schedule is:

- State Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 North Street, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, January 14

- Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia, on Thursday, January 16
- Best Western Plus Lehigh Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 300 Gateway Dr., Bethlehem, on Friday, January 17
- Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh – Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, January 21
- Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier, Erie, on Wednesday, January 22
- Blair County Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, on Thursday, January 23
- Best Western Genetti Hotel and Conference Center, 77 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre, on Friday, January 24

We ask you to visit www.lcb.state.pa.us and register for the seminar most convenient for you.

Those seeking a tavern games license must apply to the PLCB, which has the authority to approve or deny the license following a thorough background investigation conducted by PGCB. Revenue will collect the applicable taxes. The BLCE will enforce the licensing and gaming requirements of Act 90.

As a licensee, if you are eligible to apply for a Tavern Gaming License, you are strongly encouraged to attend one of these seminars for information about the application process, fees associated with the application process and tax reporting requirements.

As part of the education process, information about the Tavern Gaming License will be available at www.lcb.state.pa.us .

Anyone with questions regarding the informational sessions is encouraged to email lbtaverngames@pa.gov or call (717) 783-8250.

We at the PLCB wish you a happy, healthy and safe 2014.

Sincerely

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