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Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Returns Almost \$2.4 Million in Licensing Fees to Local Communities

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) today announced the return of almost \$2.4 million in licensing fees to 1,453 municipalities in which licensees are located.

“Twice a year, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board returns the fees paid by most retail licensees to the municipalities that have these licensees,” said PLCB Chairman Joseph E. “Skip” Brion. “The money can be used by municipal officials to pay for much-needed local projects.”

The PLCB oversees the regulation of more than 18,000 liquor licenses and permits statewide, including restaurants, clubs and beer distributors. As part of the annual license renewal or validation process, licensees and permittees pay a fee ranging from \$125 to \$700. That fee is based on the type of license and population of the municipality in which the license is located.

The current dispersal period represents fees paid from Feb. 1 to July 31, 2014. In all, 56 cities, 566 boroughs and 831 townships received funds ranging from \$25 to \$392,875.

For the complete list of municipalities receiving the fee, visit <http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/cons/groups/externalaffairs/documents/form/002464.pdf>

The PLCB recently announced it returned a total of \$4.52 million to municipalities in the 2013-14 Fiscal Year. In addition, revenue at Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores reached \$2.24 billion in FY 2013-14, a \$67 million or 3.2 percent increase compared to FY 2012-13. The PLCB paid a record \$526 million in liquor tax, sales tax and transfers to the General Fund, a year-over-year increase of \$13 million.

The PLCB regulates the distribution of beverage alcohol and also operates more than 600 Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores statewide. Taxes and store profits are returned to Pennsylvania’s General Fund. For more information, visit www.lcb.state.pa.us.

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