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## **Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Returns More Than \$2 Million in Licensing Fees to Local Communities**

**Harrisburg** – The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board today announced the return of more than \$2.1 million in licensing fees to more than 1,100 municipalities in which the licensed establishments are located.

“The PLCB returns the fees paid by licensees to each municipality that has liquor licenses within them twice a year, as required by law,” said PLCB Chairman Tim Holden. “While we encourage local officials to use the money to address alcohol-related issues in their communities, there are no requirements with regard to how the money is allocated. We understand each municipality has unique budgetary needs they must address.”

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 pay a fee ranging from \$125 to \$700, 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 August 1, 2014, to January 31, 2015. In all, 47 cities, 424 boroughs and 650 townships received funds ranging from \$25 to nearly \$980,000.

To see the complete list of municipalities receiving fee distributions, visit:

<http://www.lcb.state.pa.us/cons/groups/externalaffairs/documents/form/002557.pdf>

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](http://www.lcb.state.pa.us).

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