



# Privatization of Liquor Stores

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## Background

- Only two states currently own and operate all wholesale and retail sales of wine and spirits
  - PA and UT
- In PA, we are in the business of promoting, taxing, and enforcing the sales of wine and spirits
- The last time we voted to privatize PA's liquor stores was in 1992 under Governor Ridge
  - It failed 47 to 149
- LCB transfers on average \$90 million annually to the General Fund
- Taxes on the sale of wine and spirits bring in about \$376 million annually
- Last session, Rep. Mike Turzai introduced HB 2350 to privatize these operations

## Current Status

- Rep. Mike Turzai will be reintroducing a modified version of HB 2350 shortly