



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: Support H.B. 1154 to benefit restaurants and enhance customer convenience

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On behalf of the PA Chamber of Business and Industry I urge you to support H.B. 1154, which would benefit restaurants and enhance customer convenience in Pennsylvania. We understand the bill may come up this week.

The restaurant and hospitality industry was decimated by the pandemic and shutdown orders; yet many establishments survived with the help of temporary measures passed to provide more flexibility and revenue opportunities, including selling cocktails-to-go and utilizing outdoor space. H.B. 1154 would extend these provisions permanently and maintain support for an industry still facing significant challenges, even as the situation gradually improves.

The bill also enhances customer convenience and provides other establishments, such as convenience stores, bars and beer distributors, with greater revenue potential by authorizing sale of increasingly popular “ready-to-drink” products, which are currently only available at state stores.

We urge you to support H.B. 1154. Please contact Alex Halper at [ahalper@pachamber.org](mailto:ahalper@pachamber.org) or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.