Liquor Reform Proposed Amendment

- Permits Rs to sell wine, but limits the sale of spirits to Ds and IDs and the remaining State Stores
- Package Reform
 - o Permits Ds and IDs to sell down to a manufactured six pack
 - o Permits R licensees to sell 3 individual six packs or 1 twelve pack and 1 six pack in one transaction
- Permits "food markets" to purchase an R license under the following exceptions:
 - o Require that the licensed premises be between 2,500 and 30,000 sq. ft.
 - o Require 75% of its floor area to be devoted to the sale of food (dairy, fresh produce, fruit and eggs), food products for consumption off the premises and supplies for the table
 - o Authorizes the LCB to grant an expanded permit for the sale of wine to a "food market" only if it determines that the private retail market is not providing sufficient availability and accessibility of wine to consumers
- Permits the holder of a brewery license to obtain a Farmers Market Permit to offer products for sale at a farmers market

- Removes the gas prohibition
- Following the completion of the LBFC and LCB studies (2 years after the effective date), if the findings of either study determine that leasing the wholesale system will not have a significant negative impact of the annual fiscal stability of the Commonwealth, the LCB may issue an RFP for the lease of the wholesale liquor system
- Includes a store closure formula
 - o Requires the LCB to close all State Stores in a county when the number of Ds or IDs offering wine and liquor for sale equals two-times the number of State Stores in the county unless the municipality where the State Store is located does not have a D or ID offering wine and liquor for sale and the continued operation of the State Store is economically viable
- Requires the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint an Executive Director of the LCB
- Requires all wine and spirits retailers to use swipe card technology for any transaction involving someone who looks younger than 35 years of age
- Bases expanded and enhanced permit fees on the amount of alcohol purchased from the board in the prior year