



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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FDA Approves First Treatment for COVID-19

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the antiviral drug Veklury (*remdesivir*) for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization. Remdesivir is only to be administered in a hospital or healthcare setting comparable to inpatient hospital care. Remdesivir is the first treatment for COVID-19 to receive FDA approval. [Click here](#) for more.

Wolf Asks LCB to Waive Liquor License Fees and Local Share

The PLCB is reportedly evaluating its authority to waive fees and could act as early as next week. However, some legislators are questioning whether the PLCB has the authority to implement the proposal and waive statutorily established license fees without legislative action.

If the fees are waived, it appears that the host municipal share of these fees would be waived as well, which would impact townships that host these facilities. However, few details of the proposal were released. [Click here](#) for past municipal license fee disbursements.

Gov. Tom Wolf announced the proposal to waive liquor license fees to provide financial relief to restaurants and bars. Wolf is working with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to waive standard licensing fees through 2021, beginning January 1. More than 16,000 Pennsylvania restaurants and bars, clubs, catering clubs, and hotels would receive \$20 million in relief under the proposal. [Click here](#) to read more.

The governor's announcement comes just a few days after he vetoed **HB 2513**, which would have allowed all restaurants to operate at 50% indoor capacity or greater, reopened bar service, eliminated the requirement to purchase meals with alcoholic beverages, and allowed the Liquor Control Board to temporarily extend the licensed premises to outdoor dining areas upon request.

The state House attempted to override the veto on Tuesday, but fell a 3 votes shy of the needed two-thirds vote.