



# Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

## Wine & Spirit Stores Facts

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### The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO OPPOSES Cutting JOBS.

- **The Stores provide 5,000 people with family-sustaining jobs and decent benefits that all Pennsylvanians should have.**
  - As our economy struggles to recover, why would the Pennsylvania Legislature want to put 5,000 more people out of work?
  - House Bill 11 provides no meaningful protection for workers.
  - The “tuition credits” are meager and are for full-time workers ONLY.
- **House Bill 11 destroys current jobs and creates low-wage, no-benefit jobs that will hurt Pennsylvania's economy.**

### The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO OPPOSES Cutting Annual Revenue.

- **Wine and Spirit stores bring in more than \$500 million every year in taxes and profit.**
  - 100 percent of all taxes are collected at the point of sale—with no delinquency, and no collection costs. This is a record that no private retailer in the country has!
  - A privatized system would require more tax dollars to be spent on collecting unpaid taxes.
- **House Bill 11 proposes to sell 1,250 licenses.**
  - The average value of licenses around the country is less than \$250,000. That would mean that the Commonwealth could expect approximately \$300 million in ONE-TIME revenue for selling the stores—NOT even close to the \$2 billion or more that have been suggested by supporters of the bill.

### The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO OPPOSES Any Reduction in Public Safety.

- **The U.S. Centers for Disease Control’s Task Force on Community Preventative Services found that privatization leads to increased consumption and increased excessive consumption.**
  - This is why the Centers for Disease Control has recommended against any further privatization of alcohol sales.
- **House Bill 11 calls for doubling the number of retail outlets in PA, which would be a disaster for communities all across the state:**
  - More drinking by minors,
  - More drunk driving, and
  - More social problems linked to alcohol abuse—including: crime, domestic violence, and child abuse.
- **PA has the Nation’s seventh lowest rate of underage drinking and binge drinking.**
  - UFCW members in PA’s Wine & Spirit stores conduct more than 1 Million card checks a year.
- **Groups such as SADD, the PA DUI Association, the NAACP and other organizations concerned with excessive and underage drinking all OPPOSE privatization.**

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