



*Advocating the views of convenience stores, supermarkets,  
independent grocers, wholesalers and consumer product vendors.*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 7, 2016

**CONTACT: Elizabeth Peroni, PFMA**  
[eperoni@pfma.net](mailto:eperoni@pfma.net), 800-543-8207 x5516

## **Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association Praises House Passage of Bill Allowing Wine Sales in Some Stores**

Camp Hill, PA — The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association (PFMA), the statewide trade association representing convenience stores, supermarkets, wholesaler/distributors and affiliated businesses, praised the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today for passing historic legislation allowing some retailers to sell limited quantities of wine.

House Bill 1690 modernizes the state liquor code to allow restaurant (“R”) and hotel licensees to purchase an expanded permit to sell up to four bottles of wine for off-premise consumption. The bill passed the House by a vote of 157-31.

“We are very pleased that House members voted in favor of modernizing Pennsylvania’s wine sales, which is a significant first step in providing the convenience shoppers have requested,” said Alex Baloga, PFMA director of external relations.

The bill was a concurrence vote with Senate amendments, so it now heads to the Governor's desk for his signature.

“Our thanks to Speaker Mike Turzai for sponsoring this historic legislation,” said David McCorkle, PFMA president and CEO. “We hope the legislature will continue to look at ways to offer adult beverage sales with greater convenience for consumers.”

###

The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association is a statewide trade association advocating the views of convenience stores, supermarkets, independent grocers, wholesalers, distributors and consumer product vendors. PFMA’s more than 800 corporate members operate 3,200 retail food stores and employ more than 150,000 Pennsylvanians.

**PENNSYLVANIA FOOD MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION**  
PO BOX 870 | Camp Hill, PA 17001-0870 | [www.pfma.org](http://www.pfma.org) | [pfma@pfma.net](mailto:pfma@pfma.net)