PASSING THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA

Please be advised that it is the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE), and not the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), which enforces the liquor laws in Pennsylvania. Further, information provided below is not binding on the BLCE and is offered for information and guidance only.

Be advised that, generally, section 491(11) of the Liquor Code prohibits any person other than the PLCB, the holder of a sacramental wine license, an importer’s license, or a direct wine shipper license, from importing liquor into Pennsylvania. 47 P.S. § 4-491(11). Similarly, section 491(2) of the Liquor Code prohibits any person other than the PLCB, a manufacturer, the holder of a sacramental wine license, or an importer’s license, from possessing or transporting any liquor or alcohol within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which has not been purchased from a Pennsylvania wine and spirits store, a licensed limited winery, a licensed limited distillery, a licensed distillery, a licensed direct wine shipper, or a wine expanded permittee. 47 P.S. §§ 4-415, 4-488, 4-491(2), 5-505.2, 5-505.4.

However, if an individual is merely passing through Pennsylvania to his/her final destination in another state, it would be permissible for an individual to bring his/her wine into Pennsylvania on his/her way to the other state.