

EXAMINATION REPORT

Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
Fine Wine and Good Spirits
Store 3522

210 Meadow Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18505
For the Period
November 6, 2024 to July 16, 2025

September 2025



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**TIMOTHY L. DEFOOR
AUDITOR GENERAL**

The Honorable Darrell Clarke, Chairman
Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board
518 Northwest Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17124

Dear Chairman Clarke:

We have performed an examination of Fine Wine and Good Spirits Store 3522, Lackawanna County, District 2-04, operated by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB). We examined store operations for the period November 6, 2024 to July 16, 2025.

This report presents the results of the Department of the Auditor General's examination of store operations under the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB). The examination was conducted under statutory authority provided under 47 P.S. § 3-306 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code.

This examination was conducted only to the extent that we considered necessary to determine if the wine and spirits store operated in compliance with PLCB operating procedures. The examination was not conducted, nor was it required to be, in accordance with professional auditing or attestation standards.

Our examination included:

- Conducting a physical inventory count for a selection of liquor codes and comparing our results to the store's perpetual inventory records to determine whether inventory differences in excess of \$200 in value exists for these codes;
- Reviewing deposits, consisting of cash and checks deposited manually and credit and debit card receipts deposited electronically, to determine whether deposits were appropriately accounted for and agreed with PLCB financial records;
- Reviewing Clerk Performance Reports, Ad Hoc Reports, Shipment Invoices, and Transfer Reports to determine the store's compliance with PLCB internal controls;

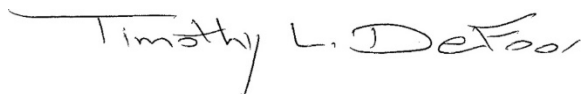
- Performing a count of all cash on hand to determine whether the store's cash on hand agrees with supporting store documents and bank records, and verifying whether the total store operating fund charged to the store agrees with the amount provided by the PLCB;
- Performing tests of Licensee Sales, Tax-Exempt Sales, Minor Challenges, System Prices, Register Voids, Register Deposits, and Breakage/Adjustment Controls to determine whether store operations were in compliance with PLCB operating procedures;
- Selecting liquor codes and verifying that the sales price in the store system agrees to the PLCB's approved price list; and,
- Locating and verifying that all PLCB capital assets are present at the store and comparing our results to the PLCB fiscal year asset equipment list for accuracy.

The results of our examination found that Fine Wine and Good Spirits Store 3522 complied with all PLCB operating procedures falling within the scope of our examination. We found no significant discrepancies to warrant any findings.

We would like to thank store management for their cooperation extended to us during the conduct of the examination.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact the Bureau of Liquor Control Audits at (717) 783-1236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Timothy L. DeFoor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the left side of the first name.

Timothy L. DeFoor
Auditor General
September 5, 2025

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BACKGROUND

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) operates a diverse network of retail and wholesale distribution facilities across the Commonwealth, including Premium Collection Stores, One-Stop/Supermarket Stores, Taste & Learn Stores, Lottery Locations, Wholesale Stores/Licensee Service Centers (LSCs) and an online E-Commerce Store. Each of these store types serves a distinct function – ranging from public retail and licensee fulfillment to education, special product releases, and bulk distribution.

The Department of the Auditor General’s authority to examine PLCB store operations is derived from Section 306 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code (47 P.S. § 3-306).

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FINE WINE AND GOOD SPIRITS STORE 3522
PRIOR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

STATUS OF PRIOR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Random Sample Shortages

Our prior examination of a random sample of the store's inventory reported an inventory discrepancy exceeding \$200 between actual and perpetual inventory. Store management complied with our recommendation.

Handling of Cash and Checks

Our prior examination reported noncompliance with PLCB Handling of Cash and Checks procedures – Failure to Follow Change Order Procedures. Store management complied with our recommendation.

Tax-Exempt Sales

Our prior examination reported noncompliance with PLCB Tax-Exempt Sales procedures – Incorrect Classification. Store management complied with our recommendation.

Lottery

Our prior examination reported noncompliance with PLCB Lottery procedures – Untimely Lottery Deposits. Store management complied with our recommendation.

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FINE WINE AND GOOD SPIRITS STORE 3522
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