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## LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

### Stop the sell-off of our public wine & spirits system- tell your State Rep to oppose HB 438 and HB 991

(Philadelphia AFL-CIO Report) Publicly owned Wine & Spirits Shops provide \$500 million a year in revenue to our State budget, while offering low prices to consumers, controlling alcohol sales to minors better than any other system in the nation, and employing over 5,000 union members in good, family-sustaining jobs.

Still, right wing interests in Harrisburg would like nothing more than to privatize this system, which would raise prices for consumers, put a half billion dollar hole in our state budget, and destroy nearly all of those 5,000 jobs. On Monday, lawmakers in Harrisburg will vote on two bills designed to weaken our publicly-owned Wine and Spirits shops, while handing over more benefits to privatizers and profiteers.

HB 438 would allow 12,000 current on-site consumption licensees to sell liquor to-go, while HB 991 would allow some retailers to open a "franchise shop," essentially a private liquor store within their retail location. Both bills would harm our state budget, bring more alcohol with fewer controls into our communities, and weaken the system that employs our union brothers and sisters.

**HB991 COULD COST TEAMSTER JOBS IN LOCAL 926, LOCAL 107, LOCAL 929 and LOCAL 636**

**Call your State Representative and urge him or her to vote NO on HB 438 and HB 991**

## Congress could kill state retirement plans

by Katie Lobosco March 30, 2017 CNN©

**Dozens of states are trying to make it easier for workers to save for Retirement, but Congress could throw a wrench in their plans.**

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New state-sponsored IRA plans would aim to help small business employees who don't already have access to a retirement savings plan at work -- like a 401(k). But new legislation could stop them before they even begin.

The House of Representatives voted along party lines last month to roll back an Obama-era rule that paved the way for these plans. On Thursday, the Senate narrowly passed legislation that takes another step toward finalizing the repeal.