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## **PFMA lauds PA House and Senate for passing bill to create Commerce Courts**

CAMP HILL (October 22, 2020)—The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association praises the efforts of the state House and Senate in passing legislation to establish a Commerce Courts system in Pennsylvania.

SB 976 passed in the state House Wednesday night. PFMA supported the bill, which was amended to include language to create a Commerce Courts system in the Commonwealth. Establishing this system has been a priority of the association.

“Creating a Commerce Court system is a win for Pennsylvania businesses,” said Alex Baloga, president and CEO of PFMA. “Being able to quickly address business-related cases will improve the overall business law climate in the state. I’m grateful to Sen. Mike Regan for asking Gov. Wolf to sign the bill, and to Rep. Seth Grove for sponsoring this bill in the House.”

This specialized court will hear business-specific cases that deal with issues such as dissolution, liquidation, governance, internal affairs and contract disputes. The ability to focus on these cases will accelerate the adjudication of these issues. It also helps develop consistency and transparency in the process for all those involved.

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### **About PFMA**

*The Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association, a statewide trade association, advocates the views of nearly 800 convenience stores, supermarkets, independent grocers, wholesalers and consumer product vendors. PFMA members operate more than 3,200 stores and employ more than 150,000 Pennsylvanians. For more information on PFMA, visit [pfma.org](http://pfma.org).*