



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL: 81

PRINTER'S NO: 1862

PRIME SPONSOR: Earl

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
State Stores Fund & General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

Senate Bill 81 would amend the Liquor Code (Act 21 of 1951) by allowing for certain initiatives of the Liquor Control Board (LCB) and amending the definition of “eligible entity” and “public venue.” A summary of additional provisions is as follows:

- Allows for a special occasion permit for certain non-profit organizations whose purpose is education and promotion of American history (in counties of the second class A and third class); non-profit organizations whose purpose is to protect the architectural heritage of a township of the second class; and for a brewery that has been in existence for at least 100 years.
- Allows for a customer relations program that includes incentives, coupons, and discounts.
- Allows for marketing of liquor (whereas wine is already permissible for marketing events and education).
- Defines “satellite wine store” and excludes satellite wine stores from the 25% limitation on the number of stores permitted to operate on Sundays.
- Allows members of a public authority, as created by the County Code, to have an interest in a distributor license.
- Allows limited winery licenses to be transferred to another person or place and adds fees for filing an application to transfer the license. The bill also allows limited wineries to utilize no more than two storage facilities.
- Prohibits the LCB from opening a store which has an interior connection or passageway to a BYOB establishment. The bill also prohibits an LCB store from locating in a dry municipality without a referendum approving such.

This act would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS:

There is no adverse fiscal impact on commonwealth or local government funds as a result of this bill. A nominal amount of revenue could be generated through the fees to transfer limited winery licenses; however, it is assumed that the fees are designed to cover the cost associated with administration of the transfer. It cannot be determined at this time how many limited winery licenses might be transferred.

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