



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1747

PRINTERS NO. 2555

PRIME SPONSOR: Killion

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1747, printer's number 2555, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), as reenacted, and known as The Liquor Code, to increase the availability of off-premises catering permits and to add additional nonprofit organizations that may obtain special occasion permits. The effective date is immediately after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill modifies the definition of "eligible entity" in Section 102 of The Liquor Code to include two additional nonprofit organizations so the organizations will be able to obtain special occasion permits authorized under Section 408.4. Special occasion liquor permits may be used for a period of not more than six nonconsecutive or ten consecutive days per year.

The bill also amends The Liquor Code to increase the number of off-premises catered functions that hotel or restaurant liquor licensees, eating place retail dispenser licensees, and breweries may hold per year from 50 to 52. Licensees seeking off-premises catering permits must provide notice of the event, in writing, to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) at least 14 days prior to the event. Language is added to permit catered functions that occur on December 31 to end by 2 a.m. rather than the currently required midnight deadline.

The Liquor Code is also amended by adding language to require the PLCB to provide written notice of the March 1 application deadline to all licensees who applied for and received off-premises catering permits in the prior calendar year. The notice shall be sent at least 30 days prior to March 1. Language is added to provide the PLCB with the discretion to issue off-premises catering permits after the March 1 deadline so long as the licensee pays a late fee of \$500 in addition to the regular permit fee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.