



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 770

PRINTERS NO. 1526

PRIME SPONSOR: Masser

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$0

#### SUMMARY:

House Bill 770, printer's number 1526, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), as reenacted, and known as The Liquor Code, to further define "eligible entity," and to further provide for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees. The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

#### ANALYSIS:

The bill amends the definition of "eligible entity" in Section 102 of The Liquor Code to include a nonprofit organization located in a city of the first class, that was organized in 1995 as a community development corporation to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and institutions of a neighborhood of a city of the first class, and whose works include public promotions, neighborhood improvement projects and commercial corridor improvements, including a business improvement district, so the organization will be able to obtain a special occasion permit. Special occasion liquor permits, authorized under Section 408.4, may be used for a period of not more than six nonconsecutive or ten consecutive days per year.

Section 493 of The Liquor Code is also amended to allow licensees to offer discounts on food or malt or brewed beverages, and to offer disproportionate serving amounts of malt or brewed beverages to patrons who are part of a bona fide club or group program (i.e. a mug club) offered by a licensee to promote its business or products. No discounts on food or malt or brewed beverages and disproportionate serving amounts may be given between the hours of midnight and the legal closing time on any given day.

#### 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.*