



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1589

PRINTERS NO. 2602

PRIME SPONSOR: Samuelson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
State Stores Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1589, printer's number 2602, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Liquor Code, to further provide for definitions for public venue licenses and performing arts facility licenses.

The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS: The bill amends the definition of "performing arts facilities" in Section 102 of the Liquor Code to include small movie theaters that have permanent seating in the facility for at least 100 people, but no more than 350 people, and which screen independent, foreign, classic and second-run films, and have no more than four movie screens. The application fee for a performing arts facility liquor license is \$700 with a license fee of \$675.

The bill also amends Sections 406(d), 412(f)(1) and 413(f)(1) of the Liquor Code to extend the hours that public venue and performing arts facilities licensees may sell liquor and malt or brewed beverages on Sundays without the need to acquire or qualify for a special permit. Currently, licensed public venues may begin selling liquor or malt or brewed beverages at eleven o'clock antemeridian on Sundays. The bill amends the start time to ten o'clock antemeridian. Licensed performing arts facilities may currently begin selling liquor and malt or brewed beverages at one o'clock postmeridian on Sundays. The bill amends the Sunday start time for sales to ten o'clock antemeridian.

The bill also amends Section 413(f)(1) by adding language to provide that sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages at a movie theater as defined under the amended definition of performing arts facilities may be made one hour before, during and one hour after the screening of any independent, foreign, classic or second-run film at the movie theater.

FISCAL IMPACT: The enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds or the State Stores Fund.

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