



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2506

PRINTERS NO. 3777

PRIME SPONSOR: Everett

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

SUMMARY: Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to Establishment Outdoor Space Operation. This legislation would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS: This legislation adds an article to the Administrative Code of 1929 permitting a restaurant, bar, private club, brewpub, brewery, winery and distillery within a designated county to begin operation of:

1. The existing outside seating portion of the establishment.
2. A temporary outside seating on property adjacent to the establishment.

The operating establishment is required to follow guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Commonwealth regarding business and building operation. In addition, to the extent possible, the establishment is to follow the applicable practices of the:

1. National Restaurant Association's Guide for the Restaurant Industry, titled "COVID-19 Reopening Guidance," published April 22, 2020; and
2. U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Best Practices for Retail Food Stores, Restaurants, and Food Pick-Up/Delivery Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The legislation does not include night clubs, music or entertainment venues.

The article expires upon termination or expiration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would permit establishments that are currently shut-down to reopen and operate under the proclamation of a disaster emergency. To the extent these additional establishments can begin to operate and generate revenue and income, the Commonwealth would realize additional revenues.

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DATE: May 18, 2020

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