



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

PRINTERS NO. 3365

PRIME SPONSOR: Topper

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY: House Bill 1615, printer's number 3365, amends the Liquor Code, clarifying that malt or brewed beverages manufactured out of state for breweries must be distributed through the three-tier system.

ANALYSIS: This legislation allows sale of malt and brewed beverages produced by a brewery at its location, or under a contract brewing agreement with an in-state manufacturer or an alternating proprietorship, to be sold to non-licensees and to licensees who are authorized to resell malt or brewed beverages.

Malt or brewed beverages produced for a brewery under a contract brewing agreement or alternating proprietorship with an out-of-state manufacturer may only be distributed through the three-tier system. This shall not apply to existing contract brewing agreements prior to the effective date of the legislation.

The Liquor Code is further amended to allow the holders of any license in class 2A through 8 counties, rather than just a limited winery license, to use amplified sound at the establishment, as long as the sound does not exceed 75 decibels beyond the property line. Amplified sound is only permitted from 10AM to 9PM on Sunday through Thursday, and from 10AM to 12AM on Friday and Saturday. The amount of noise violations for a potential renewal is decreased from six to three. Enforcement shall be done by the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement.

This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. To the extent that the increased time frame for amplified sound leads to additional liquor sales, the Commonwealth may realize an indeterminable amount of additional revenue.

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