



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1160

PRINTER'S NO. 1295

PRIME SPONSOR: N. Nelson

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24
State Stores Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

### SUMMARY:

House Bill 1160, Printer's Number 1295 would expand authorities for certain licensed establishments that have an off-premises catering permit.

### ANALYSIS:

This bill would amend the Liquor Code to reduce certain restrictions under an off-premises catering permit for licensees. Specifically, the bill would allow licensed hotels, restaurants, eating places, and breweries that obtain an off-premises catering permit to hold an unlimited number of catered functions during the calendar year where each catered function is held for no more than six hours per day. These licensees are currently restricted to 52 catered functions a year that last no more than five hours. The bill would also remove the March 1 deadline for a licensee to file an application for an off-premises catering event. These provisions would take effect January 1, 2025.

In addition, the legislation would expand authorities to catering club licensees to cater 24 self-sponsored events during its licensed term, with no more than two events in a month. These licensees are currently limited to 12 self-sponsored events during their licensed term with no more than one event in a month. This provision would take effect 60 days upon enactment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation would have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds in 2022/23 or 2023/24 due to the effective dates of the bill.

However, it could result in additional revenue for the State Stores Fund in 2024/25. Currently under Act 81 of 2021, the \$500 fee that licensees would be required to pay for an off-premises catering permit is waived through December 31, 2024. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board would be permitted to reinstate the fee beginning in 2025 when portions of the language of House Bill 1160 would go into effect. According to the Board, the exact number of licensees that will apply for the permit and pay the fee beginning in 2025 should PLCB reinstate the fee is unknown, but there are currently 463 licensees that have an off-premises catering permit. Therefore, the PLCB estimates that reinstating this fee could result in \$225,000-\$250,000 in additional revenue for the State Stores Fund in 2024/25.

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