

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1542

PRINTER NO. 2889

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

State Stores Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 3, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Saylor

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1542 amends the Liquor Code to expand the list of entities eligible to receive a special occasion permit, adds additional days of use for special occasion permit holders, allows a third party to collect and manage funds on behalf of an entity eligible to receive a special occasion permit and expands the list of entities eligible to receive a wine and spirits auction permit.

The legislation provides that a special occasion permit may be used for nine (9) consecutive or nonconsecutive days and an additional 10 consecutive days in a calendar year. Presently, a special occasion permit may be used for six (6) consecutive or nonconsecutive days or 10 consecutive days in a calendar year.

The legislation expands the list of eligible entities to include: (1) a nationally recognized community-based voluntary health organization committed to fighting Cancer, which has been in existence for at least 100 years; and (2) a nonprofit organization in the City of the First Class organized as a community development organization whose purpose is to promote health, safety and welfare of the residents, businesses and institutions of a neighborhood.

The legislation provides that an entity operating in conjunction with a holder of a special occasion permit may collect and manage funds raised with a special occasion permit provided that the special occasion permit holder is the primary host of the event and the funds raised are used for the benefit of the special occasion permit holder.

The legislation also provides for the following entities to be eligible to receive a wine and spirits auction permit: (1) any nonprofit that is registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Corporations of the Department of State that is recognized as a community-based voluntary organization committed to fighting cancer that has been in existence for at least five years; and (2) any community-based voluntary health organization in a county of the second class which enriches the lives of children and young adults with disabilities and chronic illness.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of House Bill 1542 will have no fiscal impact on the State Stores Fund. Revenues received from allowing the additional entities to be eligible to receive special occasion permits and wine and spirits auction permits will be de minimis.

The fee for a special occasion permit per day is \$85 for the cost of the investigation, which generally applies to the first day for a first-time applicant, and \$30 per day thereafter. In Fiscal Year 2018-19, 2,890 eligible entities purchased special occasion permits from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board for a total of 4,579 days generating \$138,000 in revenue.

The fee for a wine and spirits auction permit is \$30 per day. In Fiscal Year 2018-19, 25 eligible entities purchased wine and spirits auction permits from the board for a total of 38 days generating \$1,350 in revenue.