

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 38

**PRINTER NO.** 27

**AMOUNT**

See Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

State Stores Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

March 7, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Mustello

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 38 amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, providing for the transfer of a liquor license that has received pre-approval with an applicable surcharge.

This legislation amends Section 403 and Section 436 of the Liquor Code to allow licensees for hotels, restaurants, clubs, distributors, importing distributors and retail dispensers to transfer a nonoperational license with prior approval. In such cases, a surcharge would be applied to the transfer. The surcharge is \$15,000 if the license is located in a county of the first through third class and is \$5,000 if the license is located in a county of the fourth through eighth class.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 38 will result in additional surcharge revenue for the State Stores Fund when pre-approved licenses are transferred. Based on information provided by the Liquor Control Board, it is estimated the surcharge will generate an additional \$150,000 on an annual basis.