

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1160

PRINTER NO. 1295

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

State Stores Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 15, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative N. Nelson

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1160 amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code, to provide for the expansion of off-premises catering permits by applicable licensees.

This legislation amends various sections of the Liquor Code to allow holders of hotel or restaurant licenses, eating place retail dispenser licenses and brew pub licenses to host an unlimited number of off-premises catering events. Under current law, license holders are limited to not more than 52 catered functions in each calendar year. Additionally, a catering club licensee may cater up to 24 self-sponsored events, with no more than two events in a single month. Currently, catering club licensees are limited to 12 self-sponsored events, with no more than one per month.

The bill further provides that no catered functions may be held for more than six hours per day. Under current law, events may only be held for up to five hours in a single day.

The section of the bill related to the increase of self-sponsored events by catering club licensees shall take effect in 60 days. The remaining provisions of the bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1160 will result in additional revenue from off-premises catering permit fees beginning in the 2024-25 fiscal year. The fees are currently suspended by law until the end of the 2024 calendar year. Based on information provided by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB), the reinstatement of the fees and the potential for more off-premises catering permits being issued will result in approximately \$250,000 in additional annual revenue for the State Stores Fund.