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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Neville T. Rep. Pabon	Bill Status:	Senate Business
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Bill Topic: ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SALE BY HOTEL RESTAURANT LICENSEE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government (<i>minimal</i>)
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows licensed hotels to sell limited quantities of beer and wine for consumption on the licensed premises. The bill increases state and local government workload in FY 2018-19 only.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, a hotel that holds a hotel-restaurant liquor license may:

- sell alcohol beverages to customers of the hotel only on areas of the premises where meals are regularly served;
- furnish and serve complementary alcohol in sealed containers; and
- sell alcohol beverages in sealed containers through in-room minibars.

Under the bill, a licensed hotel may sell beer or wine in sealed containers for consumption on the licensed hotel premises. The beer or wine must be sold between 8 a.m. and midnight, and not exceed 72 ounces of beer (equivalent of a six pack) and 750 milliliters of wine (one bottle) per transaction.

Background

As of April, 2018, there are 5,143 entities that hold a hotel-restaurant license, of which at least 270 are hotels.

State Expenditures

In FY 2018-19 only, the bill increases the workload in the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue by a minimal amount to adjust enforcement procedures and conduct any rulemaking related to the sale of alcohol beverages by licensed hotels. No change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

The bill increases the workload for local licensing authorities to adjust policies and enforcement procedures as a result of the bill.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Law Municipalities Revenue