



Initiative 135

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Fiscal Impact Statement

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LCS TITLE: LOCAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR EXPANDED LIQUOR LICENSE

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Summary of Measure

The measure requires local licensing authority review of any alcohol license conversion, modification, or other change. The review must expressly find:

- that the license change will meet the needs and desires of the community based on evidence in the record after a public hearing; and
- the modified license will comply with whichever distance requirement is greater: the minimum distance required by law that applied to the previous class of license at the time of approval, or 1,500 feet from a school, daycare, church, or other retail liquor store.

The measure also modifies the retail alcohol license renewal process by requiring:

- a public hearing; and
- an affirmative finding by the licensing authority that the renewal is in the public interest based on the licensee's operating history.

State Revenue and Expenditures

Because the measure modifies only the local licensing process, it is not expected to affect the revenue or expenditures of the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Revenue. However, to the extent the measure's processes delays the local process or limits the state's time with an application, workload may increase, and to the extent the measure's processes reduces the number of overall licensees in the state, revenue and workload may decrease. These impacts will depend on a variety of factors and cannot be estimated.

Local Government

The measure will increase workload for local licensing authorities to comply with the hearings and affirmative finding requirements. Similar to the state, if the measure results in nonrenewal of liquor licenses, fee revenue to and workload for local licensing authorities will be reduced; however, this impact cannot be estimated.

Effective Date

If approved by voters at the 2022 general election, this measure takes effect upon proclamation of the Governor, no later than 30 days after the official canvass of the vote is completed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties Municipalities Revenue

Other Sources Considered

No estimates were submitted by proponents or interested persons.