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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 45   (Senator Colburn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs   Economic Matters

Dorchester County - Alcohol Awareness Program - Certificate of Completion

This bill prohibits a certificate of completion from a certified alcohol awareness program, that is held by an employee or an employee's employer, from being used at more than one licensed establishment in Dorchester County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Dorchester County can enforce the bill's requirements with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Alcohol awareness programs are approved and certified by the State Comptroller. The programs must:

- include instruction on how alcohol affects a person's body and behavior;
- provide education on the dangers of drinking and driving; and
- define effective methods for serving customers to minimize the chance of intoxication; ceasing service before a customer becomes intoxicated; and determining if a customer is under the drinking age.

A holder of any class of retail alcoholic beverages license or an employee designated by the holder must complete an approved alcohol awareness training program.

The training program is valid for four years, at which time the individual must complete a retraining course. Individuals who complete the program are issued certificates of completion.

Background: There are approximately 140 certificates of completion from a certified alcohol awareness program currently issued in Dorchester County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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