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Senate Bill 13
Finance

(Senator Simonaire)

Government, Labor, and Elections

Alcoholic Beverages - License Fee Refund Requirements - Alterations

This bill requires that a refund for the unearned portion of a State or locally issued alcoholic beverages license fee be issued to a license holder upon surrender of the license if the license holder volunteers for or has been called into the *uniformed services*, rather than the armed forces of the United States. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, an alcoholic beverages license holder is not entitled to a refund of the unearned portion of a State or locally issued license fee. However, a refund must be issued to a license holder on surrender of the license under specified circumstances, including bankruptcy, death, or the license holder volunteering for or being called into the armed forces of the United States or the organized State militia.

Under the General Provisions Article, “uniformed services” (by applicable definitions in the State Government Article and federal code) includes the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, and Coast Guard), as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; Department of Veterans and Military Families; Department of Legislative Services

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