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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 29

(Senator Forehand)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Drive-Through Facilities - Prohibition

This bill imposes a statewide prohibition against an alcoholic beverages licensee selling alcoholic beverages through a drive-through window. This provision does not apply to existing licensees that have drive-through facilities prior to February 1, 2001, or the transfer of an existing license that has a drive-through facility.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Alcoholic beverages licenses are issued and monitored by local licensing authorities.

Local Effect: None. Boards of License Commissioners could monitor alcoholic beverages licensees with existing resources. License fee revenues would not be affected because license fees for establishments with drive-through windows are the same for establishments without these facilities.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Drive-through facilities are prohibited only in Carroll County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Identical bills were introduced in 1999 (SB 671) and in 1998 (SB 33). In 1999, SB 671 passed the Senate, but no further action was taken. In 1998, SB 33 passed the Senate but was reported unfavorably by the Economic Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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