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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 324 (Senator Mooney)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - Family Beer and Wine Facility Permit - Fees

This bill reduces the issuance and renewal fee for a family beer and wine facility permit from \$400 to \$200.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues would decrease by \$200 for each family beer and wine facility permit issued or renewed. No effect on expenditures.

Local Effect: None. The Office of the Comptroller issues family beer and wine facility permits.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The issuance and renewal fee for a family beer and wine facility permit is \$400. The statewide family beer and wine facility permit is issued by the Comptroller and authorizes the permit holder to establish a facility for the manufacturing of family beer or wine by an unlicensed State consumer who is of legal drinking age. A permit holder may not be an alcoholic beverages licensee. A permit holder may provide beer or wine manufacturing equipment, raw materials, and instructions to the consumer. Except for beer and wine produced for testing and sampling, a permit holder may not manufacture beer or wine. A consumer only may use family beer or wine for personal consumption at the home of the consumer. The permit includes a sampling privilege under specified rules. The Comptroller may adopt regulations regarding limits on

quantities manufactured, record keeping, or any other activity that relates to the operation of a family beer and wine facility.

Background: The Office of the Comptroller renewed one family beer and wine facility permit in fiscal 2001. The Office of the Comptroller advises that there have never been more than two family beer and wine facility permits issued or renewed in any year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: An identical bill was introduced in the 2001 session as SB 254. The bill received a favorable report from the Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and was approved by the full Senate. In the House, SB 254 received an unfavorable report by the Economic Matters Committee.

Cross File: None.

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