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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1275  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Barve, *et al.*)

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**Restaurants - Caffeine-Free, Sugar-Free Soft Drinks Offered for Consumption**

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This bill requires restaurants that offer regular or sugar-free soft drinks to also offer caffeine-free, sugar-free soft drinks. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction subject to a penalty of up to \$500.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues due to the bill's penalty provision. No effect on expenditures.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures for businesses that would have to stock caffeine-free, sugar-free soft drinks.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There are not any laws that require businesses to sell specific items.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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