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Senate Bill 1138

(Senator Zucker)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Family Beer and Wine Facility Permit

This bill repeals a provision that prohibits the holder of a family beer and wine facility permit from simultaneously holding another alcoholic beverages license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues increase minimally to the extent that family beer and wine facility permit holders obtain any additional licenses under the bill. The Comptroller's Office can handle the bill's requirements using existing resources.

Local Effect: Local revenues increase minimally to the extent that family beer and wine facility permit holders obtain any additional licenses under the bill. Local expenditures are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a family beer and wine facility permit holder that obtains another license.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: A family beer and wine facility permit authorizes the holder to (1) establish a facility to produce family beer or wine by a consumer who is of legal drinking age but does not have a license and (2) provide equipment, raw materials, and instructions to a consumer. A patron of a family beer and wine facility may use the facility to produce beer or wine for home consumption only. A permit holder may not produce beer or wine except to test equipment or recipes, as well as for sampling in a specified

manner. A permit holder may not hold another license simultaneously. The permit fee is \$400. There are currently six family beer and wine facility permits issued in the State.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1582 (Delegate Luedtke, *et al.*) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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