

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26640

This legislation:

Removes the state from the issuance of new liquor-by-the-drink licenses, while grandfathering state licenses issued prior to the effective date of this legislation and preserving their existing rights to transferability;

Empowers cities and counties to issue non-transferable liquor-by-the-drink licenses, without reference to a state-imposed population quota system, in accordance with the economic development needs of the community, while recognizing the self-determination rights of the cities and counties with regard to the issuance of liquor-by-the-drink licenses within their jurisdictions;

Requires enhanced responsibility of servers who sell alcohol beverages to underage persons, or who serve alcohol beverages to obviously intoxicated adult consumers, as part of a regulatory framework including requirements for server training and graduated licensee civil penalties dependent upon training status of the licensee's employees. It is the intent of this legislation to not only empower the cities and counties to determine their own needs with reference to the presence of additional premises for the sale of liquor-by-the-drink, but also to eliminate the trafficking in the state licenses which has resulted from the state quota system imposed on the local government.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund. The license fee for municipal licenses to cities and counties will defray the cost.

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