

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 1542
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Impact:	ABLE: potential negative revenue impact on the Commission and the General Revenue Fund in FY-19 & FY-20

Research Analysis

SB 1542 provides legislative intent on exercising its powers and the powers granted to the states by the Twenty-first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and in regulating the structure of the state's alcoholic beverage industry. The measure provides that all licenses issued by the ABLE Commission prior to October 1, 2018, with a one-year term shall be valid initially from the date of issue until the earlier of the twentieth month following the date of issue or December 31, 2019, and, if such license is renewed, shall thereafter be treated as if issued on such earlier date and subject to annual renewal on each anniversary of such date. The measure clarifies that employees of beer distributors and other licensees holding licenses issued by the ABLE Commission are not required to obtain an employee license if the employee only sells alcohol or alcoholic beverages to establishments holding licenses issued by the ABLE Commission and not to the public.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1542, upon review by the ABLE Commission, is determined to have a potential negative revenue impact for both the Commission as well as the General Revenue (GR) Fund, as the Commission remands all license revenue to the GR Fund on a monthly basis, and retains only the surcharges for its operations.

According to the agency:

The measure will result in a decrease of GR collections, as well as agency surcharge collections due to the license extension option. It is impossible to determine the amount of current and potential licensees that would take advantage of a 20-month license over the standard 1-year, and therefore impossible to determine the amount this will cost the state through loss of revenue. However, ABLE Commission is estimating the measure to cost anywhere from \$0 to a significant portion of total monthly collections during FY-19 & FY-20 depending on how many licensees decide to opt for the longer license. See below for ABLE's GR collection averages.

FY-16 average monthly GR collections: \$486,427

FY-17 average monthly GR collections: \$555,996

The exact decrease in GR collections is contingent upon how many licensees opt to take the 20-month license as opposed to the traditional 1-year. This could range in revenue losses for

General Revenue from \$0 up to a significant portion of the typical monthly collections during FY-19 & FY-20.

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Other Considerations

The ABLE licensing system is currently unable to accommodate the processing of new licenses that are not the 1-year option. The ABLE Commission will also have to issue refunds for certain licensees which will require a reprogramming of the agency's licensing system which might generate unanticipated costs to the Commission.

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