

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY: The primary fiscal impact will come as a result of the new permits for wine tasting and wine growing.

Wine Tasting Permit: The bill allows the issuance of a wine tasting permit to food businesses. The ABC Commission reports that almost all of their off-premises fortified wine permit holders are food businesses and would qualify for the permit. These businesses are assumed to be the primary applicants for this permit. The ABC Commission indicates that there are currently 3,872 off premise fortified wine permits. This number remains fairly constant. Therefore, approximately 3,872 businesses could apply for a wine tasting permit in the first year. The permit fee is set at \$100.00. As a result, this section of the bill could raise approximately \$387,200 annually.

Wine Grower Permit: The bill also allows the issuance of a \$300 wine grower permit. The Department of Agriculture estimates that there are 20 or fewer growers that would qualify for the permit. They expect this number to grow in future years. Assuming the \$300 permit fee is applied to 20 applications this portion of the bill will raise \$6,000.

Local Government Special Permit: The bill authorizes local governments to obtain a special one-time permit. Fiscal Research is unable to determine how many of these permits will be issued to local governments. As a result, no fiscal estimate is possible on this portion of the bill.

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