

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 794 - SB 1082

April 10, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes any establishment, which is currently authorized to sell wine and high alcohol content beer for consumption on its premises, to also serve wine or high alcohol content beer.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008058): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes a licensed manufacturer of alcoholic beverages to include in the entity's designation any contiguous area owned or controlled by the entity for purposes of on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages and beer.

Requires that the alcohol awareness training required of applicants for a server permit be at least three and one-half hours in length.

Authorizes any business in the Beale Street Historic District, which serves alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, to serve such beverages to customers seated at tables and chairs contiguous to the outside front wall. Such authority is subject to Memphis's right of ownership and control and any conditions, rules, regulations imposed by Memphis or its lawful designee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed authorization for licensed manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to include in their designation any contiguous area owned or controlled for purposes of on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages and beer will not result in a significant impact on state or local government.
- Requiring alcohol awareness training be at least three and one-half hours in length will have no significant impact on state or local government.

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- Currently, businesses on Beale Street can sell wine, high alcohol content beer, and liquor to patrons; however, they cannot serve such beverages to patrons residing outside the entrance to the restaurants and seated at tables and chairs contiguous to the outside front wall of the restaurant or bar, despite their current ability to serve low alcohol content beer to patrons seated in identical fashion.
- Currently, patrons that wish to be served wine, high alcohol content beer, or liquor must enter into the restaurant to be served by restaurant staff.
- This legislation will allow any licensed bar or restaurant the ability to serve wine, high alcohol content beer, and liquor to patrons sitting at tables and chairs contiguous to the outside front wall of any such restaurant or bar.
- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on liquor-by-the-drink, wholesale, or state and local sales and use tax collections.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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