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Fiscal Note

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H.921 – An act relating to alcoholic beverages

As Introduced by the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs¹

Bill Summary

This bill proposes to amend various provisions of Title 7 related to the Board of Liquor and Lottery, fourth-class licenses, manufacturers of alcoholic beverages, special events permits, and special venue serving permits.

Fiscal Impact

Removing the sunset on special venue serving permits for retail establishments is expected to maintain a minimal amount of revenue to the Liquor Control Enterprise Fund beyond fiscal year 2026.

Background and Details

The following sections have a fiscal impact.

Sections 9-10: Repeal Sunset of Special Venue Serving Permits for Retail Establishments

Currently, the Division of Liquor Control may grant a retail establishment a special venue serving permit. Art galleries, public libraries, and museums are also eligible for these \$20 permits, which allow a holder to serve, but not sell, alcoholic beverages for not more than six hours and solely for on-premise consumption. Act 156 (2024), which granted this eligibility to retail establishments, contained a sunset effective July 1, 2026. Sections 9 and 10 propose to amend Act 156 to repeal this sunset, which would allow retail establishments to continue applying for special venue serving permits beyond July 1, 2026.

¹ The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.

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