

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number HB1151

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron McDonnell

3. Committee General Laws

4. Title Juvenile alcohol offenses.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Makes it clear that it is illegal for an underage person to consume alcoholic beverages as well as to purchase or possess them.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: (preliminary) See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications:

This legislation adds consumption of alcohol by an underage person to those activities subject to a Class I misdemeanor penalty. Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to twelve months in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Therefore, this bill could result in an increase in the number of persons sentenced to jail.

There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$29.80 per inmate, per day in FY 2002.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Compensation Board, local jails

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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