

## Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB645

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** McEachin

**3. Committee:** Rehabilitation and Social Services

**4. Title:** Alcoholic beverage control; prohibited practice by retail wine and beer licensees; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Provides that no retail off-premises wine and beer licensee shall sell any alcoholic beverage by means of a self-scanning cash register or other point-of-sale system. The bill defines “point-of-sale system” and provides that any person convicted of a violation is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; See item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant 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’s FY2010 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2011), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$29.98 per state inmate, per day in FY 2010.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local and regional jails, Compensation Board.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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